

CHS Jazz Ensemble ~ Top Ensemble at UMASS High School Jazz Festival!

On February 27th, CHS Jazz Ensemble was chosen as the top ensemble at the **UMASS High School Jazz Festival!** As a result, they opened for the evening concert featuring the Jeff Holmes Big Band with guest trombonist, Conrad Herwig.

Six of our students received outstanding performance awards. They are **Jackson Fitzgerald**, guitar; **Tom Kelley**, alto sax; **Brad Parliman**, drums; **Dave Shahverdian**, trombone; **Bill Villano**, trumpet; and **Zach Wiles**, bass. Three of them: Jackson, Tom and Dave received scholarships to the nationally-recognized ***Jazz in July*** summer camp held at UMass.

The prestigious UMASS Jazz Festival had fourteen bands from throughout New England performing for and attending clinics with professional musicians. This is quite an honor.

Congratulations to all of our jazz ensemble students on two fine performances.