



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Student:

My name is Mr. Anderson and I am looking forward to coming to CBA to lead your music program. A little about myself, I am an experienced teacher with degrees from Temple University (BM), the University of Cincinnati (MM) and post-graduate work at Rutgers. I am a professional liturgical musician with much experience in musical theater. I am also a composer/writer. You can look at live performances of some of my original music on my Youtube channel Matt Anderson Original Music.

Below is a list of some of the existing music ensembles at CBA. I would like to take the time to invite interested students to sign up and participate in the music and arts program at CBA. I look forward to an exciting year and a continued high level of musicianship.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anderson

- ***Men's Choir**** is looking for a few good men! This group is open to all musicians and explores a variety of styles of music while developing individual and ensemble vocal techniques. This ensemble received a Silver Rating at the 2015 Heritage Music Festival, Annapolis, MD; a Gold Rating at the 2014 Heritage Festival, Williamsburg, VA., as well as participating in the Wicked Choral Workshop in NYC. We plan to continue with similar activities in the coming year. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 2:40- 4:00.
- ***Jazz Ensemble**** is open to instrumentalists – primarily all saxes, trombones, trumpets, piano, bass, guitar, and drums. We will be playing traditional Jazz, Rock, Funk, Latin, and Big Band Styles. Rhythm section is by audition. This ensemble received a Gold Rating at the 2015 Heritage Music Festival, Annapolis, MD; a Gold Rating at the 2014 Heritage Festival, Williamsburg, VA. We plan to continue with similar activities in the coming year. Jazz Ensemble meets before school several days a week and appears on your transcript.
- The ***Pit Orchestra*** provides underscoring for the spring musical and we will be working very closely with the Theater Department. (Must be a member of the Jazz Ensemble) Rehearsals are Saturdays 9-12, January- March.
- The ***Chamber Ensemble*** is open to **all** instrumental music students of varying levels - jazz combos or classical ensemble.

*The **Jazz Ensemble** and **Men's Choir** will be competitive at national levels; destination to be announced.

Please fill out and email the following form to: manderson@cbalincroftnj.org or print and mail to the school, to the attention of: Mr. Matthew Anderson

Looking forward to meeting you!

ALL CONCERTS AND OPEN HOUSE ARE MANDATORY PERFORMANCES

***Rehearsals added as needed**

*Please note that start times indicate "down beat" or when rehearsals will begin. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the start time to set up your instruments or prepare your music. Punctuality and rehearsal preparation is an important part of being a musician and a great habit to develop early on.

We have spent the summer planning and preparing for our school year and cannot wait to rehearse with you. We are going to have an amazing year!



I would like to join the:

MEN'S CHOIR JAZZ ENSEMBLE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

NAME: (PLEASE PRINT) _____ CLASS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

YOUR EMAIL: _____ PARENT EMAIL: _____

INSTRUMENT(S)
PLAYED: _____

CHORUS
EXPERIENCE: _____