



Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2027,

The CBA Performing Arts Department would like to formally invite you to join our family in the fall. There are many ways to get involved in the arts here at school. For those who play an instrument, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Rock Ensemble, and Basketball Pep Band are performing groups that play and compete at various events at CBA and throughout the state. All of them (except for Jazz Combo) are open to incoming freshmen who want to get involved. In addition, the CBA Men's Choir and Music Ministry ensembles are groups catered towards vocalists and singers. Another way you can get involved is by joining Pegasus Production Company-CBA's student run theater group. Here, students are invited to act/sing/dance on stage, play in the pit orchestra, or be involved in any number of technical departments (i.e. light and sound design, props, building, costumes, development). For more information on Pegasus Productions, email Mr. Marcos Orozco at (morozco@cbalincroftnj.org) with any questions.

We pride ourselves in the opportunities we are able to provide for Performing Arts Students at CBA. In March of 2023, the CBA Music Department traveled to Nashville, TN. Here, we performed in the Country Music Hall of Fame and recorded at the historic RCA Studio B. It was a fantastic experience and students made memories that will last a lifetime. In recent years, the theater and music groups have traveled for competitions at Brookdale Community College, the State Thespian Festival, Piscataway High School, Cleveland, Ohio, and more. We are hoping to continue to travel this year throughout NJ, but also make our way out of state for bigger destination performances in the coming years. Multiple music department students have been accepted to All Shore Jazz Ensembles, Region Symphonic Band, and we were even hosts of the 2022 and 2023 All Shore Jazz Festivals.

This summer we are happy to announce that we will be hosting the 2023 CBA Music Camp. The camp will run July 17th-21st, 9am-3pm. Incoming freshmen interested in the music program at CBA are strongly encouraged to attend, if able. It is open to all incoming instrumentalists and vocalists (you can do both). There are opportunities for jazz, choir, and rock/contemporary music. During this week, students will develop skills and techniques on their instruments or voices and be able to improve their playing ability. This camp is not only educational, but also a great way to get to meet students you will be interacting with in the fall. The camp will be taught by professional musicians and educators. Every student will have the opportunity to play or sing in ensembles, learn in small groups, receive a private lesson from one of the instructors, and experience masterclasses and performances from the staff. This camp is a great way for incoming 9th graders to get to know the members of the CBA Music Department and develop meaningful relationships before the year starts. For more information, please email Mr. Christian Lopez (clopez@cbalincroftnj.org) who would be happy to answer all of your questions.

To register for the camp, go to <https://www.cbalincroftnj.org/website-forms/cba-music-camp-registration/> to register and submit payment online.

If you are interested in joining ANY music ensemble next year, please FILL OUT THIS GOOGLE FORM:

<https://forms.gle/D6deO1cVxjbAPLBj8>

There are a lot of ways to get involved in CBA Performing Arts. In the beginning of the school year, look for the Homeroom announcements regarding our first rehearsals. We hope to hear from you and see you in the fall! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Christian Lopez

Director of Music

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