

NBHS School Music Dept. Wins at Music in the Parks Festival

New Bedford High School Jazz Band wins 1st place Division AA "Superior" rating, Chorus and Chamber Orchestra win "Excellent" rating.

The New Bedford High School Jazz Band won First Place in the High School Jazz Division AA with a rating of "Superior," the NBHS Chorus earned a Second Place in the High School Chorus Division with rating of "Excellent" and the NBHS Chamber Orchestra earned a rating of "Excellent" at the Six Flags New England Music in the Parks Festival in Agawam, MA. It is the first time the Jazz Band has earned a "Superior" rating since 2016.

On Saturday, May 11th, the New Bedford High School Jazz Band, Chorus, and Chamber Orchestra traveled to the Six Flags' Music in the Parks Festival at Westfield HS and Westfield University.

"This festival provides a great opportunity for our ensembles to receive feedback from renowned adjudicators," said jazz band director Timothy Mason. "It's important musically, but it's also really nice to reward the students for their hard work with a fun performance and trip to a theme park."

After performing at Westfield High School and Westfield State University, the students and staff attended Six Flags New England in Agawam, MA.

"It was a very great experience and I was glad I was able to perform in the festival for the past six years with various ensembles," said Sarah Fernandes, senior percussionist and drum set player of the NBHS Jazz Band.

Tyler Rose, senior tenor saxophonist and clarinetist, stated, "I couldn't ask for a better way to conclude my musical career at New Bedford High School," when asked about receiving a rating of "Superior".

"Music in the Parks is a cool festival that I look forward to every year," said Steven Brum, junior guitarist in the jazz band.

The Chorus and String Ensemble have their Cabaret performances at NBHS May 16th and May 17th in the Little Theatre, and the Jazz Band has their final performance of the year at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House Jazz in the Gardens night on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.