

Three Village JHS Jazz Nite

The Gelinis and Murphy Junior High School Jazz Programs directed by Mark Portugal and Todd Schievelbein will conduct their **Fourth Annual Jazz Nite** on **Wednesday evening, February 3rd**. Students will participate in clinics and a performance developed specifically for the Jazz Ensemble students.

Both Junior High Schools will host the *Black Tie Affair Orchestra* under the musical direction of Thomas J. Manuel. The student musicians will begin **Jazz Nite** by attending clinics in small group settings for each individual instrument. During this one-hour segment the students receive jazz performance instruction from adult professional musicians highly proficient on their instruments.

The *Black Tie Affair Orchestra* is comprised of Long Island music educators and metropolitan area professional musicians. The group features a full Big Band instrumentation.

Following the clinics the *Orchestra* will perform a one hour concert at **8:00pm** in the Murphy Junior High School auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public and will be attended by all of the Jazz Ensemble students, their parents and friends.

The third segment of the event will bring the Gelinis and Murphy Jazz Ensembles on-stage, joining their professional mentors in a massed ensemble performance. The musicians will perform three songs that were rehearsed during the clinic sessions.

This event was created in order for the students to experience the jazz idiom in a non-competitive environment, while providing an atmosphere of concentrated efforts on jazz performance.