

The 2008-2009 Lakota West Jazz Ensemble

Expectations and Information

Welcome to a very exciting opportunity! Each member of our group is now a part of a fine musical ensemble that seeks to study and perform the genre of jazz at its highest possible level. Each member plays a significant role in our collective success. The items listed below are to help you in your understanding of this group and your role as a member. Please read and learn all of this information carefully.

Expectations

- ◆ Be personally responsible
 - Thinking ahead; proactive vs. reactive
- ◆ Be on time (We will start class 2 minutes after the bell)
 - To be early is to be on time....
- ◆ Be actively involved in all aspects of learning
 - 100% in effort and **attitude** all of the time (at home and during class)
- ◆ Be considerate of others
 - We don't live in a social bubble
- ◆ Be prepared
 - The #1 way to relieve stress

If the expectations are not met

- Reminder
- Warning
- Discussion and potential call home
- Detention and call home
- Administrative referral

Equipment

- Instruments and all related equipment
- Music folder with all music handed out in class
- There is a \$5 fine for each piece of lost music
- Pencils- All the time!
- *Approaching The Standards*, Dr. Willie Hill; Belwin-Mills pub. – **VOLUME 2**
- Concert dress – black shirts/blouses and black pants/skirts

Evaluation

- Attendance and effort (graded daily)
- Playing quizzes (given approximately every two weeks)
- Playing tests (given approximately once per quarter)
- **PERFORMANCE** at all concerts (Daily attendance is crucial to our success)

Extra Credit (Really Extended Expectations for Jazz Ensemble Members)

- Taking private lessons
- Attending a professional or collegiate jazz concert
- Taking part in an extra sectional
- Being a section leader

Performances – please check www.lakotawestbands.org
Regularly for more and updated information as it is available!

Lakota West Jazz Concerts and Important Dates 2008-2009

September 8 (Monday)	Greg Abate Jazz Clinic at West, 3:30-5:00
October 27 (Monday)	West Fall Jazz Concert at LWF, 7:00
December 6 (Saturday)	District XIII Honor Band Auditions
December 8 (Monday)	Jazz to the World Concert at West, 7:00
Jan 9-11 (Fri-Sun)	District XIII Honor Band Weekend
January 12 (Monday)	Winter Jazz Festival at West, 7:00
January 15-17 (Thu-Sat)	State Honor Groups
February 23 (Monday)	Jazz Festival Preview at West, 7:00
May 5 (Tuesday)	Spring Jazz Festival at West, 7:00
May 18 (Monday)	West Spring Jazz Concert at West, 7:00

Performances at various jazz festivals and other events will be added as the dates and opportunities are known. All performances are required! Dates and times will be posted as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at –
andrew.carr@lakotaonline.com or at **513-874-5699 ext. 10157**
Jazz Announcements can be found on our website -
www.lakotawestbands.org

I am very excited about the potential of our group this year and I'm greatly looking forward to working together!
