

HAVE YOUR PARENTS SEEN THIS?!!

# West 8 0'clock Jazz Band 2011-2012 Handbook

## Performances

- Nov. 10 Fall Jazz Concert @ West
- Dec. 3 Jazz Swing Dance @ West
- March 10 Lebanon Jazz Festival @Lebanon JH
- April 14 Jazz 'N Cakes @ West
- May 15 Spring Jazz Concert @ West

### *Other Dates of Note*

- Dec. 3 Honor Jazz Band Auditions
- Jan. 3, 6, 7, 8 Honor Jazz Weekend

**\*We may add performance and/or clinic dates throughout the year. These will be mandatory dates and information will be communicated to you as soon as it is known. Inform Mr. Racic of scheduling conflicts in writing by September 2, 2011 in order to receive consideration for an excused absence.**

## Teamwork, Dedication, Excellence!

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on being a part of this outstanding musical group! Jazz is a truly a unique American art form that brings together many aspects of our culture. Throughout the year, our ensemble will perform music that is demanding, yet very rewarding. The purpose of this handbook is to inform you of the expectations of our group. Please review this information carefully, fill out the handbook agreement form with your student and return it to Mr. Racic by Friday, September 2, 2011.



### Expectations:

1. Be on time
2. Be prepared
3. Give 110% in effort every minute of class
4. Be responsible

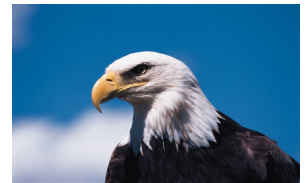
### If the Expectations are not met:

1. Reminder
2. Warning
3. Call Home
4. Office Referral

## Class Materials

The following equipment will be needed this year:

1. Instrument and all related equipment
2. Folder with music - provided in class
3. Pencils
4. "Approaching the Standards Vol. 2" book and CD by Willie Hill Jr. Be sure to purchase the correct Volume and Key. Rhythm Section musicians need the orange book. Needed in class or proof of ordering by Friday, Sept. 2.
5. All white button-down long sleeve shirt, black pants, black shoes, black socks, black belt. Ties for gentlemen (any color). No hats.
6. Jazz recordings as assigned throughout the school year



# Evaluation and Enrichment Opportunities

## Evaluation

- \* In-Class Performance– 5 points daily
- \* Playing quizzes (given approx. 1-2 times per quarter) - 50 points each
- \* Quarter Assignment (details given near the start of each quarter) - 5% of final quarter grade
- \* Quarter Assessments (given at the end of each quarter) - 10% of final semester grade
- \* Concert/Performance Attendance - 15% of final quarter grade per event
- \* Enrichment Activities - 5% of quarter grade
- \* Missing a concert due to a schedule conflict involving an After-School activity will result in an unexcused absence

## Enrichment Opportunities

- \* Taking Private Lessons
- \* Attending & Critiquing a Jazz Concert
- \* Taking part in an Extra Sectional
- \* Being a Section Leader
- \* Honor Jazz Band audition
- \* Honor Jazz Band participation
- \* All-State Jazz Band audition
- \* All-State Jazz Band participation
- \* Working at Jazz N' Cakes
- \* More opportunities TBA



**SCHOOL EQUIPMENT:** Please note that school-owned equipment is to be used for jazz band purposes and at the discretion of the director. Students participating in activities outside of jazz band will be required to provide personally-owned equipment.



## Contact Information

Please feel free to contact Mr. Racic with any questions or concerns by email at [Thomas.Racic@lakotaonline.com](mailto:Thomas.Racic@lakotaonline.com)

Many Jazz Announcements for this year can be found on our band website at [www.Lakotawestbands.org](http://www.Lakotawestbands.org) under “Jazz”.

Once again, congratulations on being a part of the Lakota West Jazz Program! Our experiences this year are certain to be educational, rewarding and fun. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Racic

Lakota Jazz Bands

