

HAVE YOUR PARENTS SEEN THIS?!!

West Freshman 11 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. Thomas 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. Thomas 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

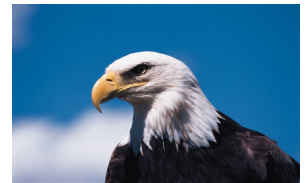
If the Expectations are not met:

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. Tuner/metronome - Purchasing information on Handbook Agreement Form
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. Thomas with any questions or concerns by telephone at (513) 874-8390 or email at David.Thomas@lakotaonline.com

Many Jazz Announcements for this year can be found on our band website at 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. David Thomas

Lakota Jazz Bands

