

MHS Warrior Jazz Band

Congratulations on making it into the Warrior Jazz Band! We are sure to have a great year, gain experience learning various styles of music, and be able to say that you have grown as a jazz musician throughout the year. As your director, I value your well rounded music education and jazz band is a great vehicle to continue to develop and take your own individual playing to an entirely new level.

The jazz band will primarily be rehearsing once a week. All rehearsals will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday and I will communicate to you well in advance when rehearsals will be. ***As a member of the jazz band it is imperative that this ensemble along with it's rehearsals and it's music become a priority.*** Any and all conflicts must be brought to my attention as soon as possible. As the director, I reserve the right to dismiss anyone from this ensemble that accumulates an unacceptable amount of absences. We only rehearse once a week and every minute of rehearsal is important!

My goal is to learn and perform music from a wide range of styles and time periods – some of this music may be simple for you and some of it will be difficult. As a member of this ensemble it is your responsibility to prepare and practice your jazz band music outside of rehearsal time. We only rehearse once a week and that is not a lot of time! We will only be successful as a group if everyone dedicates themselves to playing this music as well as they possibly can! I cannot emphasize this enough – I will do everything I can to help you and the rest of the jazz band learn our music, but the one thing I cannot do is practice your music for you. That is on you!

Rehearsals 6-8pm

10/26, 11/2, 11/10, 11/17, 11/23, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 1/5, ***1/6, 1/11***, 1/12

These are the first couple of months of rehearsals. Please make a note of these in your calendar.

Performances

Elks Secret Santa – still waiting on the exact date but it will be a Saturday morning in December.

Winter Concert – February 9th

Allshore Jazz Festival – Date TBD but will be a week night in either April or May.

Red Band Regional Jazz Competition – Date TBD but is usually sometime in April or May

Spring Concert – May 11th

Shore Area Band Festival – June 11th

Jazz Band Pledge

I have read the above and am ready to be a contributing member of the MHS Warrior Jazz Band. I will make jazz band a priority both in terms of rehearsal attendance and in my preparation of the music. I understand that I need to let Mr. Wiemken know of any absence well in advance and that excessive absences could result in my dismissal from the ensemble. *“Hipness is not a state of mind, it’s a fact of life.”*

Name (print) _____

Signature _____