JAZZ BAND 2011-2012

- 6th- 8th grade students
- Participation in Concert Band or Wind Ensemble required- exception for guitarists & keyboardists. **Jazz Band is the extra-curricular area with-in the area of music. Students must be enrolled in either Concert Band or Wind Ensemble to be eligible for Jazz Band.**
- **Audition required.** Audition music available September 20th in room 220
- **Audition dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 5th, Oct. 12th, and,*if needed,* Oct. 19th - sign up for one 10 minute time slot;** Mrs. Meenk will listen to the auditions.
- **Instrumentation-** alto and tenor saxophones, baritone saxophone (Needed!) trumpet, trombone, baritone, drums, electric guitarist, bass guitarist, pianist.
- **Rehearses Wednesdays 8:00-8:50 AM; Regular attendance expected!** Lack of attendance (3 unexcused absences) may result in removal from the group. *Over sleeping, doing homework, making up a test for another class, group work, etc. are not reasons for an excused absence.*
- **The Jazz Band "season" runs from October- May.** Students must commit for the entire season.
- **First Rehearsal: October 26th**
- Jazz Band Performances: **Required attendance.**
    - Empty Bowls Fundraiser (Hopkins)- Tuesday, March 20th- performance during the school day- performance time TBD
    - Fiesta of the Arts- Wednesday, May 2nd; evening concert; Arrive 5:15 PM; Perform 5:30-6:15 PM.
    - Spring Concert- Thursday, May 24th; 6:30 pm at Westwood Community Church. Students arrive at 5:45 PM
- **PRACTICE:** Students are expected to practice jazz ensemble music outside of rehearsals! We have limited time together--- your individual practice is essential for the ensemble's success!