

JAZZ BAND 2010-2011

- 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. This is a standard policy of band directors. I am aware that this is the policy in the surrounding area schools of Chaska, Minnetonka, Eden Prairie and Holy Family.
- **Audition required.** Audition music available on September 21st in the rehearsal room
- **Audition dates: Oct. 6, Oct. 13th, Oct. 20th - 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 27th**
- Jazz Band Performances: **Required attendance.**
 - Empty Bowls Fundraiser (Hopkins)- Tuesday, March 15th- performance during the school day- performance time TBD
 - Fiesta of the Arts- Wednesday, May 1^{8th}; evening performance; arrival & performance time TBD
 - Spring Concert- **Thursday, May 26th**; 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!