

Jazz Bands 2010-2011

Dear young jazz musicians and proud band parents,

Here is information about jazz ensembles:

Tuesday Beginning Jazz Band is an after school enrichment activity for band members in grades 6, 7 & 8 who are interested in playing jazz music. Students who play guitar, bass guitar or piano may join jazz band if they are currently taking private lessons. Beginning Jazz Band is for students who have been playing their instrument for two years or more and either have one year of jazz band experience or who are new to jazz. This ensemble will meet Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in the band room. Beginning Jazz Band is a great place for students to prepare for Advanced Jazz Band. The fee for this ensemble is \$50- payable to TMS SAA due Friday, Sept. 24. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Thursday Advanced Jazz Band is an after school enrichment activity for band members in grades 7 & 8 who are interested in playing jazz music. Students who play guitar, bass guitar or piano may join jazz band if they are currently taking private lessons. Students in this ensemble should have three or more years of playing experience. Students in this ensemble should have one or two years of experience in beginning jazz band or permission from me (Miss Titus) to join advanced jazz band. Some exceptions may be made for mature, advanced grade 6 musicians. This ensemble will meet Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in the band room. Advanced Jazz Band is a great place for grade 8 students to prepare for high school jazz band. The fee for this ensemble is \$50- payable to TMS SAA due Friday, Sept. 24. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 30.

Please don't hesitate to call me at 870-6860 ext. 121 or email me htitus@tolland.k12.ct.us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Heather Dale Titus

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Jazz Band Commitment 2010-2011

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PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES

jazz musician: _____ instrument: _____ grade: ___ Per.1 A-day room#: ___

proud band parent: _____ Phone: day _____ eve _____

email: _____

Please fill out both sides. Return this slip to Miss Titus with a check for \$50 payable to "TMS SAA". Please put the form and check in an envelope or attach the check to the form with a paper clip. Please, please, please do not tape or staple the check...please... & thank you!

Please fill out both sides and return this slip to Miss Titus by **September 24**.

PACK A SNACK!:

Please pack a healthy snack that will help you focus, for the day of your rehearsal. We will all sit together, family style, at tables in the art room 2:30 – 2:45. Even if it is just a bottle of water, please have something. Rehearsals run smoother if we all have an after school snack. Your brain's attention span, my sanity and the ensemble as a whole benefit tremendously from this one simple request. Please and thank you.

TRANSPORTATION:

Please be picked up at 4:15 p.m. or sign up for a permanent bus pass on the "4:15 p.m. late bus". If you sign up for the permanent bus pass must use it every week. If there will be an occasion when you will not be using the bus please inform Mrs. Misiura in the office. This is the courteous thing to do and if you don't the bus-company drops you from the list. If you wish to only occasionally use the "4:15 p.m. late bus", you should sign up in the office during homeroom on the day of your rehearsal. I must stay until each of you has departed; please plan ahead and let me know in advance if your plans change. I thank you and appreciate you for this.

ATTENDANCE & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

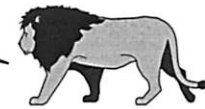
Concerning those of you interested in sports, please consider your level of commitment to jazz band. Many students have successfully been a part of a school team and jazz band. To be part of both activities, an individual must commit to personal planning, organizing and time management. If you will be involved in a school athletic activity, you may miss rehearsal on a day there is a game or a meet. However, you should miss team practices weekly to attend Jazz Band rehearsal. It is vital that you speak with your coach and arrange your schedule accordingly. If you are intending to do both, please maintain communication with me so I know how you are doing, and as I can help you be successful in this endeavor.

Rehearsals may be cancelled in the event of school closing due to inclement weather or if I (Miss Titus) am absent due to illness. If I am absent, students will hear a morning announcement stating rehearsal is cancelled and that they should get on their regular busses.

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Choose jazz excellence!



jazz musician: _____ (please write your name again, thanks)

Please check all that apply:

I will bring a healthy after school snack.

I will be taking the 4:15 bus consistently.

Please sign me up for a permanent bus pass. My street address is: _____

I will be getting a ride at 4:15 p.m.

I plan on trying out for a school athletic team this year. Please list sport(s): _____

I am interested in carpooling. Please put my name and number on a phone list for distribution.

other: _____

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