JAZZ BAND POLICY & EXPECTATIONS

To: Parents and Students of Jazz Band I & II
From: Ron Pasma, Director of Bands, Desert Hills Middle School
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Date: August 26th, 2014

Jazz Band I (8th Grade) will start: Thursday, August 28th, from 6:55-7:50a.m.   Jazz II (7th Grade) will start Friday, August 29th from 6:55-7:50a.m.

Dedication: In order to be a member of the Jazz Band I and or Jazz II, you must be enrolled in a Concert band class and have a ride to school two days a week for the Zero Hour (6:55-7:50a.m.) class time. Because we only rehearse twice a week, attendance is critical. You will be allowed two absences & four tardies per quarter unless you have a Medical Emergency. Anything beyond that, you will be removed from the jazz band group.

Jazz Band I rehearse’s, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jazz band II rehearses: Monday’s & Friday’s. On time is: 6:55a.m. I will have the band room open between 6:30.m. and 6:45a.m.

We are a team and we need each other. We need to work together. I reserve the right to assign the drum set parts and or make adjustments as the year progresses. Our expectation is that all jazz students to arrive no later than 6:55am each rehearsal day. Jazz Band rehearsals begin promptly at 7a.m.

Level of Skill: The music we will play in the Jazz Bands requires players who practice to play at a level higher than concert band. This is one reason tryouts are held each fall. If you would like private lessons, see me for names.

Jazz Band I: will meet on: Tuesday’s, and Thursdays from 6:55a.m.-7:50am beginning Thursday, August 28th, 2014. You will need to purchase Easy Jazz Conceptions book from Ted Brown Music. Make sure you ask me what part to buy (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th) before purchasing for trumpet, trombone or alto saxophone.

Jazz Band II: will meet Mondays, & Fridays from 6:55a.m.-7:50am beginning Friday, August 29th, 2014. You will need to purchase the Discovery Jazz Favorites from Ted Brown Music or any Music store.

Challenges: Students may challenge any day they wish, provided they give the student three days notice. Example, Fill out challenge form Friday and Monday, you may challenge. Challenges stop two weeks before a concert. Keep in mind, Challenges start promptly at 6:50a.m.

Attire: Both Jazz I & II will have the same concert attire consisting of the DHMS Band polo shirt and khaki pants. If you need to order a band polo shirt, please fill out the attached order form and return it to Mrs. Gregory in the Main office by October 1st with $17.00. Make checks out to DHMS Band ASB

Concerts are: Oct.23rd, Dec.11th, Feb.26th, April 11th, May 14th all in our Gym. We will also be attending the Chiawana HS jazz festival on Saturday, November 1st, 2014. We will also be attending the U. of Portland Jazz Festival on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015. Cost is $62 each.

There will be NO Jazz rehearsal the morning following an evening Concert.

I look forward to an exciting year with our talented students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Ron Pasma
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Jazz Band II Expectations: Mondays, & Fridays from 6:55 a.m.-7:50 a.m.

I have seen and understand the Jazz Band I & II Attendance Policy & Expectations, and have discussed them with my student. **We are aware that not adhering to this policy could lead to removal.** If a student exceeds the above mentioned attendance Policy, they will be removed from jazz band. Excused absence Medical Emergency, etc.…

Student Name (print) _____________________________ Instrument________________________

Parent Signature ______________________________________________________________________

Parent Phone (h) _____________________________ (c) ______________________________

E-mail ____________________________________________ Date _________________

**Projected performances:** DHMS/gym=Oct.23rd, Dec.11th, Feb 26th, May14th,