

# **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:** September 1, 2015

Jazz Band I (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) will start: Thursday, Sept. 3rd<sup>h</sup>, from 6:55-7:50a.m. Jazz II (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) will start Friday, Sept.4<sup>th</sup>, 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 rehearses: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jazz band II rehearses: Monday's & Fridays. On time is: 6:55a.m. I will have the band room open around 6:30am.**

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 or call Ted Brown Music.

Jazz Band I: will meet on: Tuesday's, and Thursdays from 6:55a.m.-7:50am beginning Thursday, September 3rd, 2015.

Jazz Band II: will meet Mondays, & Fridays from 6:55a.m.-7:50am beginning Friday, September 4th, 2015. You will need to purchase: THE BEST OF DISCOVERY JAZZ , 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 6:55am.

**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.22nd, Dec.10th, Feb.26th, April 11th, May 19th all in our Gym.

**Jazz Band I will also be attending the Chiawana HS jazz festival on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and U. of Portland Jazz Festival on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

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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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.22nd, Dec.10<sup>th</sup>,Feb 25th, May19th,**

