

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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Dedication: In order to be a member of the Jazz Band I, you must have a ride to school two days a week for the 0 Hour class time. **Jazz band I rehearses only Tue & Thurs, 7am-7:40am.** Each Jazz student will be allowed 3 absences and 5 tardies per quarter. Anything more than that will result in being dismissed from the group. We are a team and we need each other. If any of us are tardy, we have had an unwritten rule that we need to bring a treat to the Jazz Band on the next rehearsal. Most students are honorable with this and bring doughnuts for the class. I was tardy four times last year, thus I brought doughnuts the next time we met. We need all jazz students to arrive **by 6:45am** each rehearsal day. Jazz Band rehearsals begin promptly at 6:50a.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.

Jazz Band I: will meet on Tuesday's & Thursday's from 7:00am to 7:40 am beginning **Tuesday, September 9th**, 2010. You will need to purchase the **Discovery Jazz Favorites** book, book at Ted Brown Music. Make sure you ask me what part to buy (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) before purchasing for trumpet, trombone or alto saxophone.

Jazz Band II: will meet Monday & Friday from 7am- 7:40am beginning Monday,, September 13th. You will need to purchase the **Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method Book** at Ted Brown Music. Make sure you ask me what part to buy (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) before purchasing for trumpet, trombone or alto saxophone.

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.

Attire: Both Jazz I & II will have the same concert attire consisting of the DHMS Band polo shirt and khaki pants.

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

Student Name _____

Jazz Band _____

Parent Signature _____

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.

Student Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

E-mail _____ Date _____

