

Haines Middle School Band

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To: Jazz Ensemble members and Parents

Congratulations on making the 2007-2008 Jazz Ensemble. This is a group that has been a very good ensemble in the past. As we see things for this year, we are again stocked with talent. The last ingredient to success is our combined effort. Attendance will be stressed as it is key to having good rehearsals. Please make rehearsals on time with your music learned as best you can. This will allow us to have a very successful year.

Rehearsals are **every** Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 - 8:10 AM beginning September 11th. We are also continuing to incorporate a small breakfast snack. Each person will take a day and we ask that you bring something small for around 25 people. - doughnut holes, granola bars -- nothing big or elaborate please -- just something to help wake us up to play our best at that hour. We have listed a schedule on the back of this letter. Each student is asked to bring something in 3 times over the year (every 12 weeks).

Listed below are important dates to mark on your calendars and some items to look into getting.

Dates - Thursday, October 25, 2007	Fall Jazz Concert @ Haines Cafeteria 7:30 with Jazz Lab and Jazz Combo
Tuesday, January 15	Tri-Cities Jazz Coffeehouse 7:30 @ Geneva North Middle School
Thursday, January 17	Faculty vs 8 th Grade Boys BB Game 6pm
Saturday, January 19	Jazz Ensemble to IWU Jazz Festival
Thursday, February 7	Jazz Cafe 7:30 @ Haines Cafeteria Jazz Ensemble and Concert Choir
Tuesday, February 12	Jazz Ensemble @ STC North with North H.S. Jazz Workshop and special guests
Thursday, May 1	Jazz Concert 7:30 pm

(More dates to follow as we set them up.)

Parents ** The Fall Jazz Concert and the Jazz Café are events which we need some parent help. The fall concert we would like to combine it with an ice cream social. So we need help for that concert serving ice cream. For the Jazz Café we need people to sell tickets at the door and to serve popcorn and pop/ coffee. If you can help out with this please give us a call at (630) 587-7217 or email us.

Recommended recordings that we would highly encourage you to get would be:

Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra – Live in Swing City
Count Basie – Live at the Sands
Miles Davis – Kind of Blue
Duke Ellington – '55

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