

Haines Middle School Band

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To: Jazz Lab members and Parents

Congratulations on making the 2007-2008 Jazz Lab Band. This is a group we are changing and putting a lot of time and energy to this year. We believe that this new and improved Jazz Lab band will be very successful. The Lab Jazz Band is stocked with talent and we see great things happening this year. 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** Wednesday 7:00 - 8:10 AM beginning September 12th. We are going 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 will give out the schedule of who is to bring the snack at the second rehearsal (we will bring breakfast for the first two). Each student is asked to bring something in just once and that should cover all the rehearsals for the year.

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
Thursday, February 7	Jazz Cafe 7:30 @ Haines Cafeteria Jazz Ensemble and Concert Choir
Tuesday, February 12	Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble @ STC North for a Jazz Workshop with 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