**Jazz Ensemble**

***The Jazz Ensemble is a small, elite, advanced group. Students are expected to practice the music to perfection! There is no hiding bad playing in the Jazz Ensemble…it will be heard!***

The Jazz Ensemble meets every other day, opposite Wind Ensemble. This is an advanced group that plays out about once a month.

 Grading will be based on rehearsals, performances, and playing tests.

**Rehearsals** – (40%) Students are expected to practice, and *show improvement* at each rehearsal. Sections of the music that are difficult need to practiced and improved by the next rehearsal. Students should be prepared for class (instrument, accessories, pencil, music, ready to play). Students need to be attentive and cooperative. *Cell phones are not allowed*. Passes will not be given out during first period. Students should play to the best of their abilities and need to practice between every rehearsal.

**Performances** - (40%) Students will be expected to play at four concerts during the year, as well as any additional gigs we get through the year. I try to get them out into the community once a month. I will always ask ahead of time if anyone has conflicts. If I have not heard anything to the contrary within two days, I will presume that the students have no conflicts. At that point, students are expected to be at the gig. If you do not think you will have the time to perform, you should not be in Jazz Ensemble.

Concerts – 10/18(?), 12/18, 3/11 (that MAY change), 3/31, 6/3

**Playing Tests** – (20%) playing tests will be assigned once or twice each marking period, and must be taken within a week of the assignment. The tests are usually excerpts of the music we are preparing. Tests can be taken during a lesson, during Jazz Ensemble, or before or after school by arrangement.

**JAZZ GIGS**

Our Jazz Ensemble will be performing in the community throughout the year. Beside school concerts, I will try to get them out playing as often as possible…roughly once a month. These will be nearby trips. Students will take a school bus from school and back to school. If the gig is in Lansingburgh, I will ask that students find their own transportation. I will let students know about trips as soon as possible, usually at least a month ahead of time. Attached is a medical form which will cover all the trips. I will still need to send home permission slips for each gig, however.

 **Check my teacher page on the LCSD website for information and pictures!!!**

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I have read and understand all the expectations and the grading for the Jazz Ensemble.

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