

JACKSON CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAGUAR JAZZ BAND



Welcome to the Jaguar Jazz Band!! We meet on a weekly basis from August through early March. To qualify for membership, a JCMS student must be enrolled in a JCMS band, choir or orchestra class and be skilled on a musical instrument. No actual experience with jazz is necessary. In the Jazz Band, you will learn how to improvise solos and develop the ability to perform using several jazz styles.

Friday rehearsals take place in D104, the band room, and last from **2:45 PM until 3:45 PM**. The week before a performance, extra rehearsals are scheduled to add the finishing touches to our music preparation. Joining the Jazz Band means giving the extra time needed in practice at home to prepare the music and attending all of our rehearsals and performances.

Jazz has its own "language", different from what you experience in your daily music class. Jazz traditions and styles have been handed down from generation to generation not through the notes on a page of music, but instead, by hearing experienced players perform and then practicing what was heard. As often as you can, listen to jazz recordings and attend jazz concerts (i.e. Monday nights at Indiana University Musical Arts Center). Doing so will add to your experience and help you grow into an outstanding jazz musician.

~Please record all of the following dates on your family calendar~

August 2009		
Friday, 28 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
September 2009		
Friday, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsals</u> in our band room
October 2009		
Friday, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsals</u> in our band room
November 2009		
Note change: Thursday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsals</u> in our band room
December 2009		
Friday, 4 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Tuesday, 8 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Wednesday, 9 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Thursday, 10 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Friday, 11 th	BHSSouth, PM tba	<u>Bloomington Jazz Festival</u>
Saturday, 12 th	BHSSouth, AM & PM tba	<u>Bloomington Jazz Festival</u>
January 2010		
Friday, 8 th , 15 th , 29 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsals</u> in our band room
February 2010		
Friday, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsals</u> in our band room
March 2010		
Tuesday, 2 nd	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Wednesday, 3 rd	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Friday, 5 th	2:45 – 3:45 PM	<u>Rehearsal</u> in our band room
Saturday, 6 th	Whiteland HS, tba	<u>ISSMA Jazz Festival</u>
Thursday, 11 th	During school	<u>Jazz at Lunch</u>