

HAVE YOUR PARENTS SEEN THIS?!!

# East Freshman Jazz Ensemble 2015-2016 Handbook

## Performances

- Nov. 10 Fall Jazz Concert @ West 6:30pm
- Dec. 8 Winter Jazz Fest @ East 7:30pm
- Jan. 22 Jazz Swing Dance @ East
- April 23 Cool Jazz 'N Hotcakes @ East
- May 11 Spring Jazz Concert @ East 6:30pm

### *Other Dates of Note*

- Dec. 5 Honor Jazz Band Auditions
- Jan. 8, 9, 10 Honor Jazz Weekend

\*We may add performance and/or clinic dates throughout the year. These will be mandatory dates and information will be communicated to you as soon as it is known. Inform Mr. Nordyke of scheduling conflicts in writing in order to receive consideration for an excused absence.

## Teamwork, Dedication, Excellence!

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on being a part of this outstanding musical group! Jazz is a truly a unique American art form that brings together many aspects of our culture. Throughout the year, our ensemble will perform music that is demanding, yet very rewarding. The purpose of this handbook is to inform you of the expectations of our group. Please review this information carefully, fill out the handbook agreement form with your student, and return it to Mr. Nordyke by Friday, August 21, 2015.



### Expectations:

1. Be on time
2. Be respectful
3. Be prepared
4. Give 100% effort every minute of class
5. Be responsible

### If the Expectations are not met:

1. Reminder
2. Warning
3. Call Home
4. Office Referral

## Class Materials

The following equipment will be needed this year:

1. Instrument and all related equipment
2. Folder with music - provided in class
3. Pencils
4. Tuner/metronome which will be included in student school fees
5. All white button-down long sleeve shirt, black pants, black shoes, black socks, black belt. Ties for gentlemen (any color). No hats (except for special events).

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# Evaluation

Grades for each quarter will be calculated using the percentage of possible points received during the grading period. Points will be received in the following possible categories (specific categories will vary by quarter):

- \* **In-Class Performance** (0-3 points for each day of the quarter)
  - 3 = full participation
  - 2 = less than average participation
  - 1 = little participation
  - 0 = no participation/no instrument
- \* **Concert Attendance**
- \* **Enrichment Activity Sheet** (30 points each quarter)
- \* **Playing Quiz**
- \* **Listening Assignment**
- \* **Practice Assignment**
- \* **Written Work**

## Quarterly Assessments

- \* **1st Quarter Assessment: Playing Test**
- \* **2nd Quarter Assessment: Playing Test**
- \* **3rd Quarter Assessment: Playing Test**
- \* **4th Quarter Assessment: Playing Test**



**SCHOOL EQUIPMENT:** Please note that school-owned equipment is to be used for jazz band purposes and at the discretion of the director. Students participating in activities outside of jazz band will be required to provide personally-owned equipment.



## Contact Information

Please feel free to contact Mr. Nordyke with any questions or concerns by telephone at (513) 755-7211 ext. 15186 or email at [alan.nordyke@lakotaonline.com](mailto:alan.nordyke@lakotaonline.com).

Be sure to check Home Access Center (HAC) for grades, assignments, due dates, and important documents.

Once again, congratulations on being a part of the Lakota East Jazz Program! Our experiences this year are certain to be educational, rewarding and fun. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke

Lakota Jazz Bands

