

ADDITIONAL JAZZ BAND INFORMATION:

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: please add these dates to your family calendar.

Monday Beginner Jazz Band:

Mondays 2:30-4:15 Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8

PERFORMANCE: Grades 6-12 January Jazz Concert at Tolland High School Auditorium

Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 pm call, performance at 7 (no snow date available)

Concert Attire: all black

Rehearsals resume Mondays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, Mar. 5, 12,

Combined Dress Rehearsals: Monday, March 19 & Tuesday, March 20

PERFORMANCE: Grades 6-8 Jazz Concert, Wednesday March 21 at Tolland Middle School Auditorium

6:30 p.m. call, performance at 7:00 (snow date March 28) Concert Attire: all black

Tuesday Jazz Band:

Tuesdays 2:30-4:15- Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9

PERFORMANCE: Grades 6-12 January Jazz Concert at Tolland High School Auditorium

Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m. call, performance at 7 (no snow date available) Concert Attire: all black

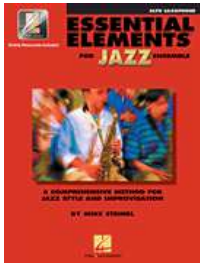
There will not be a rehearsal Jan. 18. Rehearsals resume Tuesdays: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13

Combined Dress Rehearsals: Monday, March 19 & Tuesday, March 20

PERFORMANCE: Grades 6-8 Jazz Concert, Wednesday, March 22 at Tolland Middle School Auditorium

6:30 p.m. call, performance at 7 (snow date March 28)

Concert Attire: all black



Jazz Band Information continued:

BOOK: Please purchase this book and have it for the first rehearsal. Please keep the accompaniment CDs safely at home for listening and playing along with while practicing. Gerry's Music Shop 1-800-724-7402 delivers to Tolland schools each Friday.

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Pack a SNACK: Please pack a healthy snack that will help you focus throughout rehearsal. Even if it is just a bottle of water, please have something.

TRANSPORTATION: Students should be picked up at 4:15 p.m. or sign up on the permanent late bus list. Please consistently use the bus every week if you sign up. If there will be an occasion when you will not be using the bus please inform Mrs. Misiura in the office that there is a change in the bus list. Students, who wish to only occasionally use the "4:15 p.m. late bus," should sign up in the office during homeroom on the day of rehearsal.

ATTENDANCE: Rehearsals may be cancelled in the event of school closing due to inclement weather or if I am absent due to illness. If I am absent, students will hear a morning announcement stating rehearsal is cancelled and that they should get on their regular bus.

SPORTS: If you are on a school team you attend weekly Jazz Band rehearsal unless you have to attend a game or meet. Dress rehearsals and performances take priority over games and meets. It is vital that you let both your coach and Miss Titus know if you will be taking part in both activities. Please consider your level of commitment to Jazz Band if you are joining a fall or spring sport. Many students have successfully been a part of a school team and Jazz Band. To be part of both activities, you must be willing to plan ahead and organize your time.

Jazz Band Commitment Form

TITUS BAND

jazz musician: _____ instrument: _____ grade: _____

Please check which ensemble you are interested in joining:

_____ **Monday Beginner Jazz Band** is an after school enrichment activity for TMS band members. Beginning Jazz Band is for students who are in grades 6, 7 & 8 and have been playing their instrument in the band program for two years or more.

_____ **Tuesday T.M.S. Jazz Ensemble** is an after school enrichment activity for band members in grades 7 & 8. Students in this ensemble should have three or more years of playing experience. Students in this ensemble should have one or two years of experience in the beginner jazz band or permission from Miss Titus to join.

Transportation:

_____ Please, sign me up to be on the permanent **bus list**. I will be taking the 4:15 bus consistently.

My street address is: _____

_____ I will be getting a **ride at 4:15 p.m.**

_____ I will be **walking home** at 4:15 p.m.

_____ I plan on trying out for a **school athletic team** this year. Please list season and sport:

_____ other:

Proud Band Parent: _____ Phone: day/cell _____ home _____

Return this slip to Miss Titus with a check for \$40 payable to "TMS SAA."
Please attach the check with a paper clip or put this form and check in an envelope.

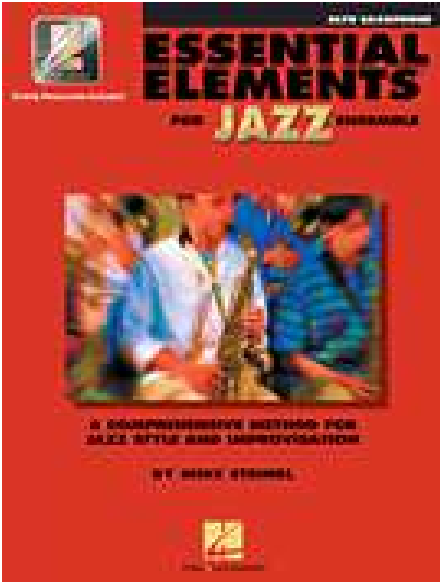
Please, please **do not tape or staple the check**...please...thank you.

Please return this slip to Miss Titus by **September 15**.

Rhythm Section Audition Info.

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Piano, upright bass or electric bass and guitar audition music:

- 1.) SCALE: Bflat Blues scale (swing eighth notes) page 6A #9
- 2.) SONG: Page 10B #30 Swingin' with Jack
- 3.) SONG: Page 23 # 81 Riffin Around
 - 1.) listen to CD recording
 - 2.) play a slow version on your own and gradually increase speed.
 - 3.) Listen to the recording many times.
 - 4.) Play along with CD at tempo for audition.

Piano & guitar:

A simple comping rhythm to use in Riffin' Around mm.13-24, 25-36, 37-48 is: **1** ⁽²⁾ + ⁽³⁾ **4**