

## 2012-2013 Jazz Band FAQs:

### *1. When will auditions take place? How do we sign up?*

**Jazz Band auditions will take place the week of October 15, 2012, before and after school.** Please sign up for an audition time on the bulletin board outside the Band Room.

### *2. What are the audition requirements?*

You must pick up the required music from Mr. Horn. That sheet will include several items to prepare: excerpts of one jazz band piece (“Spinning Wheel”), the Concert Bb Blues Scale to memorize, and a suggestion (“You may also perform something that shows off what you can do; for example, something that you may have worked on in private lessons.”) Keyboard, guitar and bass players will also memorize the part for the Bb Blues included on the sheet.

### *3. Who is eligible to audition?*

Any member of Blue Band or Red Band is eligible to audition. In addition, keyboard, guitar and bass players who are not in the band program are welcome to audition.

### *4. Which instruments are eligible to audition?*

The following instruments are eligible for jazz band: trumpet, trombone, all saxophones, baritone horn (bass clef only), guitar, drum set, bass (both “upright” bass and bass guitar) and keyboard.

### *5. Why are some band instruments eligible and others are not?*

When I order jazz band music from the publishers, they send parts for the following instruments only: saxophones, trumpet, trombone, guitar, drum set, bass and keyboard.

### *6. How many students will be accepted into Jazz Band?*

There are parts for fifteen instruments in each jazz band arrangement; these parts are designed to be performed by one player each. I accept as many qualified applicants as possible into the band; band members then take turns during the performances. It is possible, then, that you may perform on only one piece in each concert. In rehearsal, however, everyone plays on each arrangement.

### *7. When does Jazz Band perform?*

Jazz Band performs five times during the school year: the Livingston Jazz Festival at LHS; the Poetry Coffee House performance in May; an all-day festival trip to Great Adventure on a Friday in June; the Spring Band Concert, Thursday evening, May 30; and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Assembly in June. **Note: You must be available to perform all five concerts to be eligible to audition for Jazz Band.**

### *8. How do we prepare for the auditions?*

It is important that you attend the **Jazz Band Audition Prep Session** (you have a choice of two dates for this: **Wednesday morning, October 10, and Thursday morning, October 11, both at 7:45 am**). This session will help you prepare for the audition. If you take private lessons, it is in your best interest to get help from your private teacher to help you prepare. You are also welcome to perform something from your own repertoire that shows off what you can do.

### *9. When does Jazz Band rehearse?*

Jazz Band rehearses Day 2 mornings, 7:45 to 8:30 am. Frequent additional rehearsals are scheduled for other mornings, especially in January-February-March.