



Prairie Hills Middle School Bands  
"A Tradition of Excellence"

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Congratulations on being selected to participate as a member of the Prairie Hills Middle School Jazz Band...you should be proud of your accomplishment. The Jazz Band will rehearse on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 7:00-8:00am – starting October 22nd. Finally, I can't stress enough the importance of attendance at all rehearsals. Remember, you auditioned and were selected...therefore; you are committed to the group.

**Fall Semester "Zero Hour" – PHMS Jazz Rehearsals (Wednesdays & Fridays)**

October 28	7:00-8:00am – 1 <sup>st</sup> REHEARSAL
October 30	7:00-8:00am
November 4	7:00-8:00am
November 6	7:00-8:00am
November 11	7:00-8:00am
November 13	7:00-8:00am
November 18	7:00-8:00am
November 20	7:00-8:00am
November 26	NO SCHOOL/NO REHEARSAL
November 29	NO SCHOOL/NO REHEARSAL
December 1	7:00-8:00am – <u>MONDAY REHEARSAL</u>
December 3	7:00-8:00am
December 5	NO REHEARSAL
December 10	7:00-8:00am
December 12	7:00-8:00am
December 17	7:00-8:00am – LAST REHEARSAL OF FALL SEMESTER

\*Spring Semester rehearsals will start back up January 7, 2015.

**Rehearsal Attendance**

- \* Jazz Band members are allowed 6 absences (excused/unexcused) during the entire jazz band schedule; 2 tardies = 1 absence.
- \* Director reserves the right to remove a student from the group after max. absences allowed.
- \* If a member misses a rehearsal one week prior to a performance, the director reserves the right to dismiss the student from the performance.
- \* If a member is not meeting the expectations set by the ensemble, the director reserves the right to dismiss the member from the group.

**2015-2016 Jazz Performances (mark your calendars now!)**

- December 3 – PHMS Winter Band Concert
- January 29 – Hutchinson Community College Jazz Festival
- February 19– Friends University Jazz Festival
- February 24 – BHS/PHMS District Jazz Tour
- May 5 – PHMS Spring Band Concert
- May 19– PHMS 8<sup>th</sup> Recognition

**Jazz Performance Attire**

- Boys - Black, long sleeved, button-down dress shirt; black dress slacks (no jeans); black dress belt; black dress shoes; black dress socks; **black tie**. \*Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Girls – Black mid/long sleeved blouse; black dress slacks (no leggings/tight pants, or jeans) or black ankle/length skirt; black dress shoes (no flip-flops)

Students are asked to enter the band room from the back door (east side) for all rehearsals. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

I look forward to a great jazz season!

Mr. Biggs

