

2017-2018 RMS Jazz Band Info Sheet

The RMS Jazz Band is a co-curricular group which means that students must be enrolled in band class and their involvement is an extension of class. We will meet once a week for rehearsals and will only have 12 rehearsals before our first concert. Students are required to come to all rehearsals, even during track-outs. Just like other extra-curricular activities, (ie sports teams, cheerleading, etc.) joining the jazz band includes a commitment to making the practices necessary to be successful, even during track-out. Tracked-out students are invited to stay the remainder of the day if that helps solve transportation issues that may arise for pick-up after rehearsal. Absence exceptions will be accepted under emergency situations or with **plenty** of prior notice. Students who miss 3 rehearsals risk being dismissed from the group and not allowed to perform with us. We will meet in the band room from 7:45am-8:45am on Wednesdays with a short break between 8:10am and 8:15am for students to check into homeroom. Our first rehearsal is on August 30th. The band room will be unlocked at 7:30 am.

Students need to have a book, Standard of Excellence: Jazz Ensemble Method, for their instrument. You can either order this book online or find it at most music stores. I will provide lots of supplemental materials. Students are also welcome to put a blank, burnable cd in my mailbox with their name on it, and I will copy the play along music for each of the songs in the book. Concerts for Jazz Band will coincide with the Beginning Band concerts on November 28, 2017 & May 8, 2018 at 7pm). We also plan to do some optional performances throughout the year starting in the spring. I will give plenty of notice when these opportunities arise. I am looking forward to making great jazz music together!

-Mr. DiDonna

(Please sign and return bottom part)

We have read the Jazz Band Info Sheet and understand the absence rules.

Student Signature _____

Student Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____