

KSD 140 JAZZ BAND

"7th Grade" Jazz with Mr. Hodges

Dear Parents and Students,

I am very pleased to announce the beginning of rehearsals for the 7th Grade Jazz Band.

The Jazz Band is a training group that gives students an opportunity to explore the various rhythmic and harmonic aspects of Swing, Latin, Rock, Blues, Dixieland, Funk and other contemporary forms of music. The students will also learn about the art of improvisation, which is the cornerstone of jazz music.

The Jazz Band is open to all 7th grade band members. Some 6th graders may be added to the group as needed at the discretion of Mr. Hodges. All interested students will meet on Wednesday, September 6th in the Prairie View Band Room from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Prairie View students may report to the band room immediately after school to study or practice until rehearsal begins. There will be a bus to bring Grissom students to Prairie View. Parents of all Jazz Band members are responsible for pick up at Prairie View at 5:15.

Our winter concert will be with the Cadet Band on Wednesday, December 13th at Grissom. Specific times and locations will be forthcoming.

We are also working on other performance opportunities during the 2023-2024 school year. Because of the limited amount of time available for rehearsal, regular attendance and individual preparation of music is required. We understand that there may be conflicts with other after school activities, however; we only rehearse a few times before our performance.

Unexcused and/or multiple absences may result in removal from the group. If you are interested in being part of the Jazz Band with Mr. Hodges, please sign and return the attached permission slip not later than Wednesday, September 27th.

The Jazz Band is a fun group to perform with and teaches its' members the unique opportunity to learn and play contemporary music. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at mhodes@ksd140.org or call me at the Grissom Band Office, (708) 532-8500. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your participation!

Mr. Hodges
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2023 Jazz Rehearsal Dates

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- ◆ Wednesday, September 27 - 4:00 to 5:15 PM at Prairie View
- ◆ Wednesday, October 4 - 4:00 to 5:15 PM at Prairie View
- ◆ Wednesday, October 25 - 4:00 to 5:15 PM at Prairie View
- ◆ Wednesday, November 1 - 4:00 to 5:15 PM at Prairie View
- ◆ Wednesday, November 15 - 4:00 to 5:15 PM at Prairie View
- ◆ Wednesday, November 29 - 4:00 to 5:15 PM at Prairie View
- ◆ Wednesday, December 13 - 7:30 PM - Cadet & Jazz Band Concert at Grissom
- ◆ 2024 Rehearsals and Performances are TBD

----- Detach here and return no later than September 27 -----

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO MR. HODGES NO LATER
THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**

My child, _____, has my permission to participate in the Jazz Band with Mr. Hodges. I understand that attendance at rehearsals and performances is mandatory and absences from rehearsals may result in dismissal from the group.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____