



HILLSBORO INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR HIGH



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FROM THE DIRECTORS

As we begin the second semester of this school year we would like to thank you, our band families for making our winter concert a rousing success. For the first time since we have been at Hillsboro we had a standing room only crowd in our gymnasium. It means so much to our kids to see that kind of support for the work they do everyday on their instruments. In these economic times, arts programs in other schools often come under fire for being too cost prohibitive but with your amazing support of music education in Hillsboro, no one can question the positive impact music is having our kids. We look forward to continuing a successful school year in 2012.

Musically,

Mr. Dedert

Mr. Blair



JH BAND UPDATE

8th Grade Band— 8th grade band will be preparing for four major performances during the spring semester including two school concerts, Windsor Middle School Music Festival and the Music in the Parks Festival. We will hit the ground running in January with several pieces of music along with our continued work on fundamental skill development. We will end our year with a celebratory trip so Six Flags in May.

7th Grade Band—7th grade band will continue to work on development of ensemble sound and fundamental skills while progressing toward their first performance outside the Hillsboro school district. In April the 7th graders will perform for a judge's rating and critique at the Windsor Middle School Festival.

JH Jazz Ensemble—The Jazz Ensemble will have a busy spring semester with several pep band games scheduled in January in addition to traveling to the Mineral Area College Jazz Fest and Music in the Parks. Clinics and auditions for the 2012-2013 Jazz Ensemble will take place in late April and early May.

6th Grade Band—Beginning band will continue to build on the skills they have developed early in the year. Percussion students will begin learning snare drum technique while continuing work on concert bells. Beginning band will perform on the spring concert on May 14th.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/5—JH Jazz @ BBall Game
- 1/17—JH Jazz @ BBall Game
- 1/19—JH Jazz @ BBall Game
- 3/3—Valle Solo/Ensemble
- 3/10—MAC Jazz Festival
- 4/14—Jazz Dinner Night
- 4/21—Windsor MS Festival
- 5/14—Spring Band Concert
- 5/18—Music in the Parks Fest.
- 5/19—8th/Jazz Six Flags Trip

REMINDER:

JH JAZZ LAB BAND MEETS FOR REHEARSAL TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 2:30-3:10.

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE TUTORING BUS AFTER PRACTICE.

EAST CENTRAL ALL-DISTRICT JAZZ BAND

Congratulations to the following students on their performance with the 2011 All-District Jazz Band on December 10th at Jefferson College. These three students were selected through an audition process and rehearsed and performed with an ensemble made up of the very best middle school and junior high jazz band students from across our area. They were afforded the privilege of working with guest clinician, Tony DiPasquale Band Director in the Belleville School District in Belleville, Illinois. He also serves as adjunct jazz faculty at McKendree University.

The three Hillsboro representatives are as follows:

Kaitlyn Cords—Tenor Sax

Annie Pierce—Guitar

Kelly Koester—Trombone



SPRING JH BAND FUNDRAISER

This February the Junior High and Intermediate bands will be participating in their final fundraiser of the school year. It will once again be done in conjunction with Mr. Z's fundraising as our fall fundraiser was. All proceeds from this spring fundraiser will go directly to the Junior High and Intermediate bands and will not be shared profit with the High School band program. Money earned in this fundraiser will subsidize the purchase of new school instruments, new technology in our classrooms and any trips taken by our band students. Any help you can provide for our program is always greatly appreciated!



"TO STOP THE FLOW OF MUSIC WOULD BE LIKE THE STOPPING OF TIME ITSELF, INCREDIBLE AND INCONCEIVABLE."

--AARON COPLAND

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

This year we are excited to announce that we have many students participating in solo and small ensemble contest at the junior high level. For the next two months, students that have chosen to participate will prepare either solo literature with piano accompaniment or they will work with a small group of their peers on duets, trios and quartets in anticipation of performing for a judges rating and critique. This is an outstanding opportunity for our students to improve as individual musicians and hone their skills in a setting other than the daily classroom rehearsal. We are also very proud of those students who have chosen to participate as all preparation for the festival is done outside the school day and exemplifies their dedication to musical growth and self-improvement. This year's festival will take place on March 3, 2012 at Valle Catholic High School in Ste.



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