

August 2008

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year. I hope that this packet of information helps answer any questions that you may have about the school year.

SIXTH GRADE CONCERT DATES:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Members</u>
December 4	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Students
February 26 & 27*	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	Select Students
May 18	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Students

SEVENTH GRADE CONCERT DATES:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Members</u>
December 18	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Students
February 26 & 27*	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	Select Students
May 19	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Students

EIGHTH GRADE CONCERT DATES:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Members</u>
December 18	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Students
February 26 & 27*	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	Select Students
May 19	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Students

* The February 26 & 27 concert is the Solo/Ensemble concert. This concert is only for students who volunteer to learn to play a solo, or to play in a small ensemble. The entire band will not perform.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT DATES:

December 18	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Jazz Students
March 26	Skyview Middle School	5:30 pm	All Jazz Students
May 19	North High Auditorium	7:00 pm	All Jazz Students

Important Information

Concerts: Please see the concert schedule for dates and times of all performances.

First Week of School: Your child will NOT need their instrument the first few days of school. I will issue lockers before instruments are to be brought to school.

Folders: Folders will be handed out the first week of school.

Grades: Grades are 33% attendance at lessons, 33% performance exams, and 34% rehearsals and concerts. Please see class syllabus for more information.

Instrument Repair: These are the two repair shops that I use.

Haas Musical Instrument Repair 651-631-8820

Eckroth Music 651-704-9654

Instrument Supplies: Supplies may be purchased at any music store. Order forms are available at John Glenn to order supplies (reeds, valve oil, new mouthpieces, etc.) from Eckroth Music for your convenience. Supplies will be delivered to your child at John Glenn if these order forms are used.

Jazz Ensemble: Jazz ensemble is open to members of the 7th and 8th grade bands who play trombone, trumpet, saxophone, drum set, keyboards, and guitar. There will be a sign up sheet and auditions the first month of school. Rehearsals are on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7:00-7:48 am. Membership is determined by audition, ability to handle advanced levels of music, and the need for instrumental balance.

Lesson Book: All students use the Standard of Excellence series. Book one for grade 6 and book two for grades 7 & 8. Purchase the book for your instrument.

Lessons: Students will receive group lessons approximately once every 2-3 weeks. The lesson schedule will be posted in the band room, given to students who wish to have a copy, and posted on the John Glenn website.

Lockers: Lockers will be issued the first week of school. Students may bring a lock from home to secure their instruments, or be issued one from school at no cost. All students should have their name, address, and phone number on their case.

Make-up Lessons: If your child misses a lesson (illness, forgotten instrument, forgotten lesson, etc.) it can be made up by attending the lesson of another group. Example: flute attend clarinet lesson.

Percussion: Percussion instruments will be provided at school, so students should not bring their percussion kits to school. The percussion kits should be used at home for practice purposes. Please bring your drumsticks to rehearsals.

Performance Exams: Students will be assigned 3-5 examples from the lesson book to perform for a grade each trimester. The student may take the performance exam as many times as they wish during the trimester to get the grade they desire.

Practice Rooms: Practice rooms are available for your child's use before school, during resource and after school. See Mr. Grill for a pass to use the practice rooms.

Rehearsals: Rehearsals are held every-other-day throughout the school year during the team resource period. Students should bring their instrument, music, lesson book and a pencil to all rehearsals.

School Instruments: If your child plays a school instrument (baritone, French horn, tuba, etc.), they will be issued an instrument the first week of school.

Stands: Music stands will be provided at school. I encourage all parents/guardians to purchase a wire stand for use at home.