

CLARE HS JAZZ BAND



Exemplifying Pioneer Pride

Purpose

- Expose student musicians to America's musical art form
 - Display the musical talents of our Clare students in a jazz setting
 - Engage our community in a fun, creative, and musical endeavor
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Eligibility

Students who play traditional big band instruments (saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass, drums). Occasional need for flute, clarinet and vibraphone are on an as needed basis. Those opportunities will be made known by Mr. Lowe.

Auditions

Auditions may be held to determine placement, aptitude and reliability in a jazz setting. Auditions may include, but not be limited to, the following: brief prepared selection; sight-reading; and improvisation.

Schedule and Ethic

This is a class; you earn a grade. You must be enrolled in the course to participate. Following discussions with administration, no more concerns exist with number of credits and enrollment. You participate, you enroll.

Class will begin at approximately 7:20 and will release at 8:05. Students are expected to come to class promptly, prepared, and ready to be productive. Unless notified otherwise, class meets each morning.

Absences are excused by parents or faculty in the front office. **Student government or club meetings do not take precedent over any class.**

Uniform

- Concert attire: Tuxedo shirt, black tuxedo pants, black shoes, black socks (bowties optional)
- Community attire: Black shirt, long necktie, black pants, black shoes, black socks

Black shirts, tuxedo pants and neckties will be provided through the Clare Band Boosters. Tuxedo shirts can be purchased through the Clare Band Boosters. Students should provide their own black socks and shoes.

Combo

Jazz Combo will be comprised of interested students from Jazz Band and may rehearse one day each week during zero hour. This will afford students an opportunity to make music in a small group setting, making guided musical decisions for themselves, with the hopes of performing regularly in the community.

Communication

Monthly emails will be sent to parent email addresses highlighting activities, assignments, performances and other important events in the Clare Bands. Having a reliable parent e-mail address will be an important link between classroom and home.

REMIND is not a social media platform; it is designed to be a safe communication link between parent, teachers and students. Instructions are available on the band website: **Jazz Remind Code: @105jazz**

WEBSITE: http://cpsbands.weebly.com/jazz_band

EMAIL: jlowe@clare.k12.mi.us - or - cpsbands@gmail.com

Please check the website intermittently for program, schedule or classroom updates. Mr Lowe can access the website from home or school to update and is the easiest means of making important information public.