

Jazz Report

Middle School at Parkside Bands

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Dear MSBOA District 8 Directors:

This is my second year as the District VIII's Jazz Chairman so I'm attempting to get things out sooner. With marching season in full swing and the deadline for festival applications not due for a while, I'll just give out some early information about the District Jazz Festival and send out a registration form with more details closer to the deadline. Last year's District Jazz Festival hosted 17 bands at Mason H.S during the school day. Our 2011-12 Festival is scheduled a bit later this year on **Tuesday, February 7th at Mason High School**. The postmark deadline for registration isn't until **Friday, December 16th, 2011** but will be adhered to strictly.

This festival is open to all types of jazz ensembles (middle school, high school, after school). It is a non-rated, clinic-based festival with the MSU Jazz Faculty invited again as our clinicians and the MSU Jazz Band I as our lunch-time performance. Plan on staying at Mason High School as long as possible to watch and learn from performances of other schools in our District. A drum set, piano, and bass amp will be provided in each of the warm-up, performance, and clinic rooms for your convenience.

Some have expressed an interest in extending the clinic from 20 to 40 minutes which would mean hiring an additional clinician and finding a second clinic room in Mason H.S. This can be discussed tonight or decided upon later.

If you have any questions, please email me at kkrieger@jpsmail.org

Musically,



Kevin Krieger