2019-2020 Hawktones Jazz Ensemble

Welcome to the Hamburg Hawktones! I’m thrilled that you will be participating with us this year! For the best Hawktone experience, please read the following guidelines for the ensemble:

**Rehearsals:**

* Every **Monday from 5:00 to 6:15pm in the HS Band Room**

*(Please see the rehearsal schedule on the back. Follow the schedule carefully!)*

* **ALL** rehearsals and performances are mandatory, unless a prior arrangement is made with Mrs. Kline. If it is necessary to miss a rehearsal (medical, family emergency, etc.), provide a written excuse at least one week prior to the absence. If it is a medical emergency, a Doctor’s note will be required, no later than one week following the absence.
* **Two unexcused rehearsals will result in the removal from the group.**

**Performances & Events:**

* **Get JazzED:** Saturday, January 18th @ Wyomissing High School. 10am-2pm. Additional details TBA.
* **Small Ensemble Winter Concert:** Tuesday, January 28th (Jan. 29th -Snow Date). Hamburg Area HS Auditorium @ 7pm. \*Call time is 6:30pm
* **Small Ensemble Spring Concert:** Tuesday, May 12th. Hamburg Area HS Auditorium @ 7pm. \*Call time is 6:30pm
* **Mr. Kline’s Speakeasy:** End of February 2020 .. details TBD
* **Guest Artist Master Classes:** Artists and details TBD
* **Various Berks County Festivals:** Details TBD
* *Other events may be added with adequate notice given to participants.*

***Winter/Spring Concert ATTIRE: ALL BLACK (Men may wear a seasonal, colorful tie.)***

\*The HAHS Music Program adheres to the following statement regarding public performances:
*Members of performing musical organizations are to be present at all performances*, *except in the case of personal sickness, death in the family, an act of God,* *or extenuating circumstances pre-approved by the Director and/or Principal.*

**Music and Folders:**

* You will be provided with all parts and a folder
* It is your responsibility to bring all music AND A PENCIL to all rehearsals
* **You will be held financially accountable for any lost copies of music, if they are original copies.**

**What is expected of you …..**

* Instrument, accessories, all music, and a pencil. **All items** listed should accompany you to **all rehearsals**.
* Know your notes and rhythms. Rehearsal time is for the **group**; *practice your part at home*!
* Listen. One of the best and most effective ways to learn the jazz style is to listen to recordings of well-known artists. A list of jazz artists will be distributed for your reference.
* Improvise. All students will be asked to improvise during warm-ups and rehearsals. It is a not a requirement for concert performances, but it is part of the jazz experience within the rehearsals.
* Bring a positive and supportive attitude. As this is a new experience for some students, we need to present our best efforts and create a comfortable space for everyone to experiment!

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the email address or phone number provided below. I’m looking forward to a great year with the Hawktones!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kline
MegKli@hasdhawks.org
610-562-2241 Ext. 2147
 **Rehearsal Schedule:
All rehearsals will be held from 5:00 to 6:15pm in the HS Band Room, unless noted otherwise.***\*\*\* Additional events may be added with adequate notice given to participants. \*\*\**

Monday, October 28 (open rehearsal)
Monday, November 4
Monday, November 18
WEDNESDAY, December 4
Monday, December 9
Monday, December 16
Monday, January 6
Monday, January 13
 Saturday, January 18 – GetJazzEd @ Wyo High School. 10am to 2pm.
Monday, January 27 (*Dress Rehearsal)* Tuesday, January 28 – Winter Small Ensemble Concert. HS Auditorium. 7pm
 (Wednesday, Jan. 29 – snow date)
Monday, February 3
Monday, February 10
WEDNESDAY, February 19
Monday, February 24
 *(Mr. Kline’s Speakeasy .. end of Feb. TBD.)*
Monday, March 2 --- MIKE EBEN!
Monday, March 9
Monday, March 16
Monday, March 23
Monday, March 30
Monday, April 6
Monday, April 20
Monday, April 27
Monday, May 4
Monday, May 11 (*Dress Rehearsal)* Tuesday, May 12 – Spring Small Ensemble Concert. HS Auditorium. 7pm
Monday, May 18 – Last Rehearsal. Turn-in music.

**\*\*\* More gigs/guest artists to come in spring …. TBA \*\*\***

**SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM MEANS YOU HAVE READ ALL ITEMS LISTED IN THE HAMBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL HAWKTONES JAZZ ENSEMBLE GUIDELINES/CALENDAR.**

*I have received a copy of the Hamburg Area High School Hawktones Jazz Ensemble Guidelines / Schedule. I understand the document and will abide by all terms and conditions.*

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please return to Mrs. Kline* ***no later*** *than Friday, October 25.*