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Dear Director:

As you begin your preparations for the new school year, I would like to keep you informed about Jazz Impact. As you know, Jazz Impact is an “all-star” jazz ensemble made up of high school students from the Lake, Geauga, and Eastern Cuyahoga County area. Jazz Impact is supported and sponsored by Lakeland Community College.

As Director of the Lakeland Jazz Impact, one of my top goals is to involve as many area high schools as possible, and to achieve a diverse group of talented musicians. If you have students in grades 9-12 who are gifted in music, and especially interested in jazz, please let them know about Jazz Impact.

To begin the year, I will be available to meet and hear candidates on Tuesday, September 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the band room of Lakeland Community College. Students should bring a prepared piece to show their technique, tone, range, jazz style, etc. Please call the Arts and Humanities Division Office at 440-525-7261 to schedule an audition.

Our final instrumentation will include five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones, piano, guitar, bass, and drums. **Rehearsals will be every Wednesday through the school year from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Lakeland music room. Students should understand that attendance at all rehearsals is required.**

Looking ahead, we will be performing at the Lakeland Jazz Festival, the Tri-C Jazz Festival, various Lakeland concerts, several guest appearances, and possibly a recording for the Lincoln Center’s Essentially Ellington Contest.

All in all, Jazz Impact Should serve as an excellent vehicle to showcase talented players and give them the opportunity to interact, exchange ideas, and grow musically with outstanding musicians from other schools.

Thank you once again for your help and cooperation. Without your work and daily efforts, such an “all-star” group would not be possible. I will look forward to hearing from you and your students; I can be reached at edmichaels@oh.rr.com. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Ed Michaels