

For March Alumni Newsletter



Jazz at the Ridge

The SHS Jazz Band, under the direction of Ms. Kathy Spangler, and the Shortridge Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Ms. Nealita Callahan, gave outstanding performances at the “Jazz at the Ridge” program Feb. 8. The string group entertained the guests who ate dinner in the cafeteria. Following the meal, Sandy Lomax, jazz singer, performed with the Shortridge Jazz Band in Caleb Mills Hall. All who attended that evening thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to the next opportunity to hear the jazz band and orchestra students.

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Inaugural Awards Banquet



Terrance Jackson receives his award.



Students begin gathering at Julia Carson Center for Awards Banquet.

The Inaugural Awards Banquet held at the Julia Carson Center on Feb. 8 honored many of our band and orchestra students at Shortridge. There are currently over 250 students enrolled in our band and orchestra programs during the school day. After school, there are opportunities for the jazz band, pep band, indoor drum line, winter guard, and marching band for students to participate in Monday through Friday.

Marching Band Going to New York City



Shortridge marching band seniors attending the NYC trip. Top row left to right: Terrence Jackson, DaeVon Mann, D'Arcy Ross. Bottom row left to right: Alext Kauffman and Rayla Simms.

Shortridge's Marching Band has planned a trip to New York City during Spring Vacation. They plan to leave Sunday, March 31, and will return Thursday, April 4. They plan to attend a Broadway musical, *Mama Mia*, and see the usual tourist sites including Times Square, Madame Tiesane Wax Museum, Rockefeller Center, the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, China Town, and Little Italy, to name a few. The jazz band also will be presenting a concert at the South Street Seaport on Wednesday, April 3. In honor of our first graduating class at Shortridge since 1981, Kathy Spangler, the Band Boosters, including parents and community volunteers and students have been working hard to make sure that as many eligible band students as possible are able to go. All eligible band seniors will be attending the trip this year! The Shortridge bands hope to take one trip every three to four years, so that students can have that "once in a life-time" experience to remember. Parent contributions, fundraisers, and the band booster group, which includes both parents and students working the concession stand at Lucas Oil Stadium, have raised enough money to pay for most of the trip. There are only a few students we are working to provide scholarships for in order that all who qualify may go. Donations made out to Shortridge Bands would help the band program immensely.

Jazz Band



The Shortridge Jazz Band has had a very busy year. They practice Tuesdays after school from 2:45 – 5:00. They have played many performances after school, during the school week, and weekends at the following locations: North United Methodist Church Special Needs Christmas Party, IPS Hall of Fame Luncheon, Crispus Attucks Museum, the Skyline Club, Mapleton Fall Creek Neighborhood Association, and many more.

We are fortunate to have such great ambassadors for the oldest high school in the state - Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy. In addition, this talented group's average GPA for the Jazz Band is 3.8. If you know a group that would like to have the "best kept secret in the city" play for you, please contact Kathy Spangler, director of bands. They continue to raise money through playing to support the outstanding band program at Shortridge.



Michael Willis, Garrel Harper, and Jadon Rose perform with the Jazz Band at the Arts Garden at Circle Center Mall.

Shortridge Pep Band



The Pep Band played at Shortridge's last basketball game during the sectionals at Broad Ripple High School. The band's enthusiasm and support for the basketball team helped the team complete a very successful season. The band played for all of the home games in the new gymnasium, including the first Legacy game with Crispus Attucks. The pep band is a 100% volunteer group that rehearses before games and occasionally after school. The band enjoys playing popular music, dancing, and having fun! They have been asked numerous times to play for other schools and pep events.