

Jazz Day – Featuring Waukesha South Band Alum Jason Gillette Tuesday April 20, 2010 – Waukesha South High School



Guest Artist Jason Gillette will be at South for a daytime workshop and mini-concert

An evening concert for the public will be held at South at 7:30pm

Jason Gillette, a Waukesha South Band Alum is among the most talented performers in the mid-west. He is currently the band director at Brookfield Central High School. He will be featured performing with the South Jazz Band on April 20th.



Jason Gillette began playing the saxophone at age seven in Chicago, Illinois. After many incredible influences from numerous band directors, Jason pursued a degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. After graduating from UWEC in 1996, he was hired as Director of Bands at Brookfield Central High School where he has been teaching for the past fourteen years. He has enjoyed the building process of a band program, which consisted of 83 students in 1996, to a current program of approximately 190 students. Jason was named the School District of Elmbrook's "Outstanding Employee" in 2004 and was also named "Music Teacher of the Year" by WJZI's Jazz Radio Station in 2006. In 2009, Mr. Gillette received Lawrence University's prestigious

Excellence in Teaching Award for the state of Wisconsin. He has also been listed in the national publication "Who's Who in Education" for the past twelve years. Jason currently directs the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble I, Jazz Ensemble II, Marching Band, and Pit Orchestra. The BCHS Bands have performed in London, New Orleans, Dallas, Orlando and Los Angeles in recent years. The BCHS Band Program just returned home from New York City where they were given the great opportunity to work with Pulitzer and nine-time Grammy Award Winner Wynton Marsalis.

In addition to Jason's love for teaching, he has also performed as a woodwind artist with a wide variety of musical artists in recent years, including the following: Josh Grobin, Kurt Elling, Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Manhattan Transfer, The Four Tops, Frank Sinatra Jr., Martha Reeves, and Ann Hampton Calloway. He has recently performed for the Broadway shows "Dream Girls" and "Chorus Line" at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Locally, Mr. Gillette performs lead alto with "The All-Star Milwaukee Superband". Jason also enjoys conducting clinics for colleges and high schools. In January of 2010, Mr. Gillette was given the honor of directing the Iowa Honors State Jazz Ensemble in Iowa City.