

**March 10, 2010**

**Chris Vadala, Director of Jazz Studies and Saxophone Professor at the University of Maryland, will be working with the Blue and Gold Jazz bands of Parker Junior High School in Flossmoor School District 161 on Tuesday, March 16, from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. The school is located at 2810 School Street, Flossmoor.**

**His appearance was arranged by the South Suburban College Foundation, as part of a tour of area schools, including Homewood-Flossmoor High School.**

**Professor Vadala grew up in New York and graduated from the Eastman School of Music. Nationally known for appearing on more than 100 recordings, film and TV scores, as well as jingle sessions, he is considered one of the country's foremost woodwind artists.**

**The Jazz Bands at Parker Junior High School consist of 40 students in grades sixth through eighth. Ms. Heather Hoefle is the Director of the Blue Jazz Band, Ms. Elena Panner is the Director of the Gold Jazz Band.**