

HANS HERR BAND
Let's Go!



Hello Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. Our names are Heather Ceresini, director of bands at Hans Herr Elementary School, and Robert Shaubach, director of orchestras at Hans Herr Elementary School. We are excited to bring the beginning band and orchestra experience to our new fourth grade class!

One of the most exciting adventures for fourth grade students involves the opportunity to study a musical instrument. On the first day of school all the fourth grade students will attend a brief presentation familiarizing them with the different instrument families which include woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. At this time students are able to sign up to participate in the HH Band Program, which includes brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments; or the HH Orchestra Program which includes all bowed string instruments. The goal of the first presentation is to have students place themselves in one of three categories: 1- I am interested in the HH band program, 2- I am interested in the HH orchestra program, 3- thank you, but I am not interested. Due to scheduling limitations, students are not able to participate in both band and orchestra ensembles.

Following this presentation you and your child will be asked to look over the ensemble websites (band and/or orchestra) where you will be able to hear, see, and discuss individual instrument options. After reviewing the website students will be asked to select three different instruments to discuss and try out with the director. It is not our intent to tell any student what instrument they can and cannot play, but rather help each student find an instrument that they will be successful in playing! A commitment to the band/orchestra program is not finalized until after the student has received a confirmation email or letter from the director.

The above mentioned events occur within the first two weeks of school. We would like to encourage any student interested in playing an instrument to sign up and fill out the survey located on the ensemble websites! We do not want financial limitations to discourage any student from participating. There are school instruments that are loaned to families needing assistance; however, the distribution of these instruments is not intended for instrument trial. Please reach out through email with any concerns.

Be on the lookout on the first day of school for further information regarding joining the HH Band or Orchestra Program. We look forward to working with you and your child during this exciting musical journey!

Sincerely,

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