

## **Band Academy Ensemble**

By enrolling in the Band Academy, wind and percussion students will become members of the Symphonic Band. Students will study and perform advanced musical techniques in a variety of different styles year-long throughout their 7th and 8th grade years. This ensemble will challenge students to increase their knowledge of music theory while developing self-confidence, fine motor coordination, and cooperation with other musicians. The Symphonic Band will participate in frequent performances for the school and community and attend musically-enriching field trips throughout the year. An audition and application submission are required for acceptance.

### **Virtual Audition Dates & Times:**

Virtual auditions will be via Google Meet. Once the written application is submitted, applicants will be sent a link to a Signup Genius via email to select an audition time slot. Virtual audition slots are available during the weeks of *December 18th - January 5th*.

**Please email Mrs. Clark at [jclark@pvschools.net](mailto:jclark@pvschools.net) if additional arrangements are needed.**

### **Audition Procedure:**

Auditions will take approximately 15 minutes and will consist of the following components:

- Select major scales up to 4 sharps/flats.
- Sight-Reading
- Prepared solo of the student's choice

### **Band Academy Application Checklist:**

1. Submit a completed application to the Desert Shadows Middle School front office or mail packet to the school.
2. Once your completed application is received you will receive an email with the link to the Signup Genius.
3. All students will be notified whether or not they are accepted. **Notifications will be sent to parent email addresses indicated on the academy application from [jclark@pvschools.net](mailto:jclark@pvschools.net).**

## **What is the time commitment for my child in the Academy?**

Below is a general list of events and activities that take place throughout the year. Our meeting at the end of the year will provide you with more details about these events:

- Evening concerts (ongoing)
- Winter instrumental music assembly (December)
- Instrumental clinics and workshops (January - March)
- Performances with Horizon High School (October/December/May)
- PVUSD Arts Festival performance
- Spring Tour of California and Disneyland (March)
- Instrumental Music Week (February)
- PVUSD Honor Band Festival - select students (January)

## **Music Academy Performances**

We invite you to join us this year to watch our current Band students perform and join our DSMS Band family! You will be able to chat with Mrs. Clark and current Band families about the DSMS Band experience.

**Tuesday, November 28th, 2023: DSMS Open House for Incoming 6th graders 6PM.**

**Tuesday, December 14th, 2023: Winter Concert in HHS auditorium at 6PM.**

## **Questions?**

Contact **Julianne Clark, director of Instrumental Music**, by emailing [jclark@pvschools.net](mailto:jclark@pvschools.net) or calling the DSMS front office at 602-449-6800.