

Hey 3rd Graders!

It's time to start thinking about 4th grade music ensembles!

How do students choose instruments?

What ensembles are there?

We offer band, chorus, and orchestra for all 4th graders.

Students can participate in band and chorus.

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Students cannot participate in band and orchestra.

When do ensembles meet?

Chorus:

1 REHEARSAL a week before school at 8:25 AM with the whole chorus.



Band and Orchestra:

1 REHEARSAL a week before school at 8:25 AM with the whole band/orchestra.

1 LESSON a week during the school with like instruments (flutes with flutes, violins with violins)

2nd and 3rd Grade Music

Students learn about instruments in the band/orchestra.

Late April:

Mr. Jeff Smith, Fine Arts Director sends out a letter to 3rd grade families about the recruitment process.

Early May:

Band/Orchestra teachers meet with 3rd grade classes for an instrument presentation. Students indicate instruments their interested in on their trial form (students CAN change their mind later).

Family members will receive an "information form" that will let us know more about their student and music background.

Mid-May

Current 4th Grade Band/Orchestra students perform in an assembly for 3rd Grade Students.

Beginning of June

Students meet with both the band and orchestra teachers in small groups to be fitted for an instrument. Students may try the instruments they said they were interested in AND any other instrument they'd like.

Students and teachers decide on a 1-2-3 ranking of which instrument STUDENTS would like to play.

ALL students have the opportunity to try instruments and ALL instruments get recommended an instrument regardless of their intent to play.

Middle of June

Final recommendations (based on student choice FIRST, performance while trying out instrument SECOND, and group numbers THIRD) are sent out to families.

Teachers do their best to put students on their first or second choice instrument.

End of June:

Send in signed permission slips to confirm your student's spot in ensembles next year.

Questions?

More information will be available over the next few months. In the meantime, please reach out to:

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