

Welcome to Hart Middle School Music!



We're so excited to continue your musical journey at Hart! Students in 6th Grade can choose from band, choir, or orchestra as an elective. We know that these classes involve a lot of new things, so here is some information to help:

- No experience is necessary for any of our music classes! We'll all be starting from the very beginning together. Students will learn all the basics required to sing or play their instrument as well as learn to read music.
- Students selecting band can choose from the following instruments: flute, *oboe*, *bassoon*, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, *French Horn*, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion (piano experience strongly recommended for percussion).
 - Students interested in the *italicized instruments* listed above should contact Mrs. Rever-Oberle for additional information and private lesson recommendations.
- Students selecting choir will focus on improving their vocal technique and literacy while exploring music from multiple styles and genres.
- Students selecting orchestra can choose from: violin, viola, cello, and bass.
- We will hold an instrument fittings in the fall to help students select the instrument that will set them up for a great experience. Along with their individual interests, every student is built differently and this can have a big impact on their potential success at an instrument. We will work to help ensure positive experiences by helping to fit each student to an instrument that works best for them!
- Instrument rentals will be held within early in the school year. The official Rental Night will be posted as soon as it is available. There is also a limited supply of school instruments available, but students may not get to play their first choice.
- Students interested in purchasing an instrument rather than renting should *please* contact Mrs. Rever-Oberle or Mrs. Kleinert to make sure it is a good quality investment.
- If you have other questions regarding band, please contact Mrs. Rever-Oberle at areveroberle@rcs-k12.us, or visit the band website: www.hartmsbands.weebly.com
- If you have other questions regarding orchestra, please contact Mrs. Kleinert at jkleinert@rochester.k12.mi.us
- If you have questions regarding choir, please contact Mr. Zurkan at izurkan@rochester.k12.mi.us.