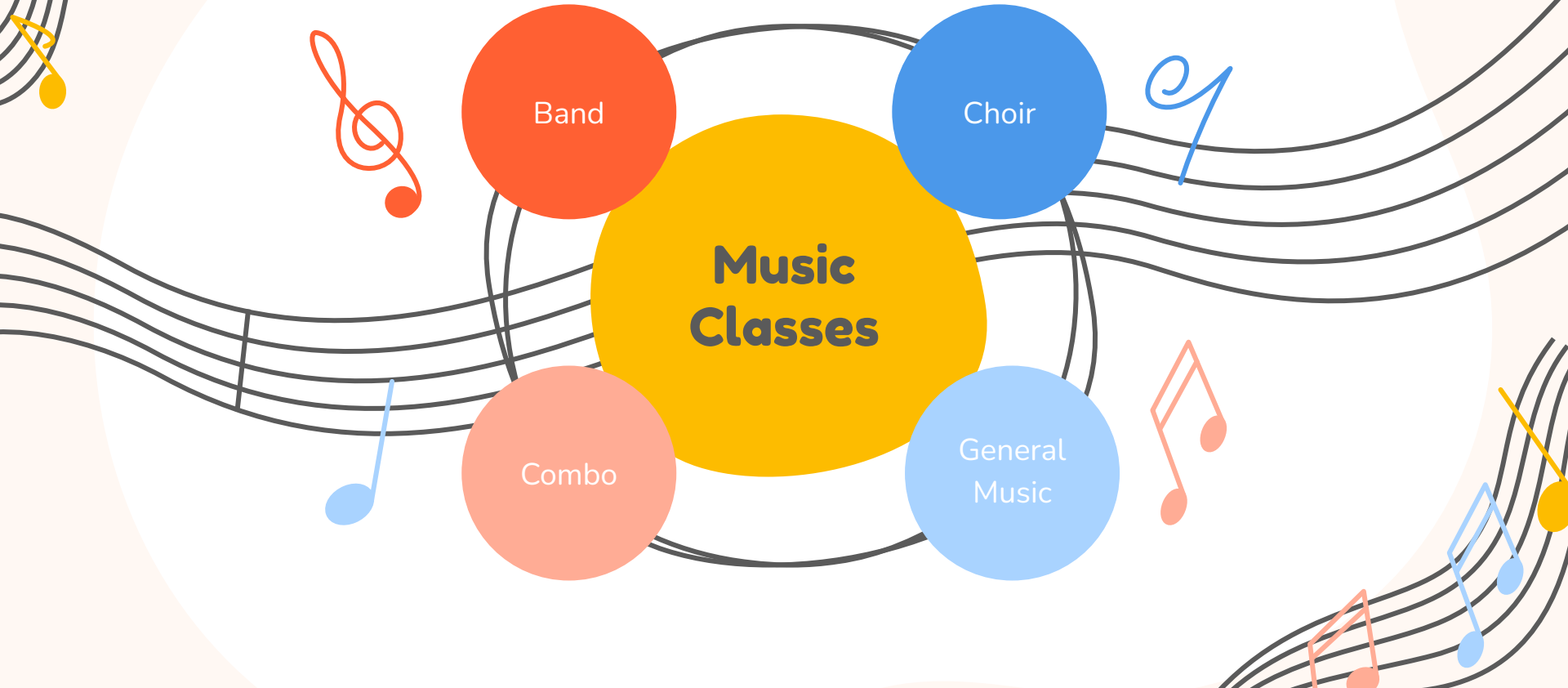
Welcome to

VandenBerge Middle School Music!

You have LOTS of options to choose from!



01

Band

Do you want to learn how to play an instrument?

Band

Band is a group of people playing different instruments together to create one great sound. To be in band at VandenBerge Middle School, you do not need to have any prior musical experience.

There are many different instrument options. In order to get a better idea of what you might want to play, check out this website: Be Part of the Music

The incoming 6th graders will get a chance to try all of the instruments at our Band Exploration Night in March. Please look for more information to come in Campus Messenger.

Concerts

When you are in Band at VMS, you have the opportunity to perform in at least 3 concerts throughout the school year:

-**Halloween Band Concert** - 8th Grade Band with the ER High School Band

-**Winter Band Concert** - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Bands

-**Band Ensemble Night** - small group performances for 6th, 7th & 8th

-**Spring Band Concert** - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Bands

Jazz Band

The **VMS Jazz Band** is made up of select 7th and 8th Grade Band students that perform at each of the concerts listed on the previous slide.

In Jazz Band, we also add instruments to provide a rhythm section like piano, guitar, bass guitar, and drum set. Music styles may include Blues, Swing, Big Band, Rock, Funk, Pop, etc.

Rehearsals takes place during our ”Elk Time” (homeroom) on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

In addition to each of the Band Concerts, the Jazz Band also perform at the **Elk River High School Swing Dance** that takes place every year in March.

02

Choir

Do you like to sing??

Choir

Choir is a class where students will learn to sing, read music, and perform together as a team.

Choir helps you build skills like teamwork, focus, and confidence through public performances.

No prior singing is needed, no audition necessary -**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

In Choir we sing music in a LOT of different styles including pop, musical, movie, traditional and more.

All students that like to sing, whether or not they believe they are “good enough” are encouraged to join Choir! Choir is a positive and supportive environment where it is okay to make mistakes.

Concerts

When you are in Choir, you have the opportunity to participate in at least 3 performances throughout the school year.

-**Fall Choir Festival -** VMS & SMS 8th Grade Choir and ERHS Choirs

-**Winter Choir Concert -** 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Choirs

-**Spring Concert -** 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Choirs

-End of Year Concert - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Choirs

03

Combo

Interested in Band AND Choir?

Combo

Combo is a class where you get the best of both worlds- **Band AND Choir**

Students will learn to sing and play by alternating between band and choir classes so they can explore music in more than one way.

Combo is a fun way to try something new, discover what you enjoy most, and be part of a team.

By doing combo students will develop strong listening skills, musical knowledge, teamwork, and responsibility.

This class is a great option for students who LOVE music or aren't sure yet whether band or choir is the better fit for them.

04

General Music

Interested in music but not performing??

General Music

General Music focuses more on learning ABOUT music through listening, creating, and analyzing, instead of performing.

In General Music students would learn topics such as Music Basics, Music Around the World, Listening/Instruments/Sound, Music Technology(using digital tools to create/alter/produce music), and more.

Students would build these music skills through projects, presentations, activities/games, and basic instruments.

This class is perfect for students who want to explore, create, and enjoy music without the commitment of performing publicly in a large ensemble

We look forward to an exciting year of learning, creativity, and music-making together!

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