

BAND & ORCHESTRA INFORMATION

This information is intended to initiate conversation regarding participation in 6th grade band or orchestra in the 2019 - 20 school year. All students are invited to join. No previous experience necessary!

August 28 & 29 - Instrument Demonstrations at Elementary Schools

August 29 - Band Information Meeting, 5:30pm at Bertha Frank

September 4 - Band, Orchestra, & Choir Registration, 2:30 - 5:30pm at Bertha Frank

September 9 - Lincoln Instrument Distribution at MJHS, 7:35 - 9:05am

September 10 - Grundy Instrument Distribution at MJHS, 7:35 - 9:05am

September 12 - Lettie Brown Instrument Distribution at MJHS, 7:35 - 9:05am

September 13 - Jefferson Instrument Distribution at MJHS, 7:35 - 9:05am

September 16 - Full Ensemble Practice Begins!

- **BAND & ORCHESTRA PRACTICE** – Full ensemble practices are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday before school from 7:35 – 8:05am at MJHS. Students will be bused to their elementary school after practice. Students who live on a bus route may ride the jr. high bus to practice.
- **SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION** - Students will be placed in a small group by instrument and elementary school. These groups will receive instruction tailored to their instrument after full ensemble practice at MJHS for 25 minutes one day a week. On the day of their small group instruction the students will be bused to their elementary by 9:15am.

Monday - Lincoln Small Group Instruction

Tuesday - Grundy Small Group Instruction

Thursday - Lettie Brown Small Group Instruction

Friday - Jefferson Small Group Instruction

- **INSTRUMENTATION** - The beginning band instruments are: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and percussion (Adams xylophone and drum pad). It is highly recommend that percussionists have 2 years of piano lesson. Percussion students will be selected based on experience and teacher recommendation. Orchestra offers instruction on violin, viola, cello, and bass. Remember that all instruments provide the opportunity for musical experience, growth, and fun!
- **COST** - The registration fee for 6th grade band and orchestra is \$20. Parents will need to provide an instrument and necessary supplies. The music program does have a limited number of school instruments that can be checked-out.
- **GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS** - This is a full year course. A positive attitude and a commitment to the entire year are necessary for success! Attendance is required at all practices and concerts. Being a successful musician is the result of steady practice and outstanding effort at all times.
- **MORE INFORMATION** - Contact Mrs. Katrina Fitzpatrick for band: Katrina.Fitzpatrick@mcusd709.org or Mr. Peter Martin for orchestra: Peter.Martin@mcusd709.org.