

# 4th Grade Band and Orchestra Program

## Recruitment Starting Soon!

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### Hello 4th grade students and families!

In the coming weeks, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the 4th grade band or orchestra program. Over the next couple weeks, students will have a chance to see, hear, and play a variety of band and orchestra instruments. Learning to play an instrument is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop skills such as ***discipline, commitment, responsibility,*** and ***teamwork*** all while increasing their understanding of music. Playing an instrument is a fun and memorable experience that helps students build self-confidence and allows for an alternative method of expressing their emotions.

### What is Band?

Band consists of nine instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion. Unfortunately, we do not teach guitar or piano in band.

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about the instruments!



### What is Orchestra?

Orchestra consists of four string instruments: violin, viola, cello, and bass. Unfortunately, we do not teach guitar or harp in orchestra. We have many different sizes of instruments, so anyone can play any instrument!

### How much does it cost?

There is no additional charge for lessons, only the cost of renting an instrument and a few accessories we will need to get started. Rentals start as low as \$23.00 per month. Visit <http://www.qandf.com> (*band and orchestra*) and <https://www.hoffmannstringsltd.com/> (*orchestra only*) for more details! **NOTE:** PLEASE DO NOT RENT OR BUY YOUR INSTRUMENT ONLINE. We have a special night set aside for this and we will walk you through the process.

### Classes (also referred to as lessons)

Lessons occur once per week for 30 minutes. Students will be pulled out of their normal classroom to attend lessons, so they are expected to make up all work that was missed. Group sizes are typically 6-10 students per group, so there is plenty of individualized attention.

### Questions? Contact us!

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## **Before-School Rehearsals**

These rehearsals include everyone in the beginning programs to play together once per week. Rehearsals will be held every Thursday morning from 7:25 AM-8:15 AM in the MacArthur Band/Orchestra room. **This is a required activity if students participate in either Band or Orchestra.** Students will be walked over to Sullivan by Mr. Boyer and Mr. Anderson after the rehearsal.

## **Important Dates**

**Rental Night for Band and Orchestra:** Sept. 4th 4-7pm in the MacArthur Gym

**Orchestra Concerts:** 12/18, 3/3, 5/28

**Band Concerts:** 12/16, 3/9, 5/12

Thank you for taking the time to consider your child's desire to join the band program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: Can I just buy an instrument instead of renting?**

**A:** We focused on providing our students with quality instruments that make the learning process easier. Instruments online seem like a good deal, but they are harder to play and do not produce good sounds. Orchestra students will need bigger instruments as they grow as well, so please do not purchase an instrument yet!

### **Q: Can my child quit if they don't like it?**

**A:** Although your child can quit, we certainly do not encourage it. At times, learning an instrument can be frustrating and overwhelming, but we work with your child to overcome those challenges. If your child is not happy on their instrument, we may be able to switch them to one they might enjoy better.

### **Q: How fast will my child learn their instrument?**

**A:** Students are encouraged to practice as much as possible at home. The amount of practice greatly affects how fast your child will learn their instrument. Learning an instrument takes time and a lot of patience! Failure leads to success! You can always boost your child's progress with private instrument lessons outside of the school day.

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