

WE WANT
YOU....



IN
INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC!!

Sunrise Ridge Band

Information Packet

To Interested Parents & Students:

What an exciting time for your students! You are moving on to a new school and a time for more exciting classes. We would like to invite you to be a member of the Sunrise Ridge Band program. You will have many great experiences such as learning an instrument, performing in concerts for friends and family, and learning to enjoy all types of music. Band offers many unique opportunities that you won't want to miss. As you heard today, band is exciting and fun.

This booklet contains information on each instrument of the band. Each page contains price ranges of the instrument, physical considerations, and needs at the school. Please take time to look through this information.

STUDENTS - when you register for 6th grade, YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW WHAT INSTRUMENT YOU WANT TO PLAY!! Band is divided into Brass (trumpet, trombone), Woodwind (clarinet, flute) or Percussion. It is important that you register for the correct class that corresponds with the instrument you want to play.

PARENTS - if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!!

****It is NOT recommended to go out and buy a brand new instrument. It is a large investment and you want to ensure your student is truly interested to own an instrument. All of the music stores in town offer rent to own programs. Please do not purchase an instrument online without talking to Mrs. Wood FIRST. Many online instruments are not reliable.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in band next year!

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FLUTE



The flute is a great instrument to play. It is challenging and rewarding. Flutes are needed in any band to provide a melody line.

Physical Considerations for playing the flute:

- Arms long enough to hold flute to mouth and cover all keys
- Closed teeth meet evenly
- Good hand-eye coordination

Flutes can be rented for \$15-\$22 a month on a rent to own program. Flutes can be purchased for \$300-\$900.

Some Good Flute Brands:

- Armstrong
- Pearl
- Yamaha
- Jupiter

CLARINET



The Clarinet is one of the BEST instruments to choose. It sounds great and is a lot of fun! AND we need LOTS of clarinet players!

Physical Considerations for the Clarinet:

- Fingertips large enough to cover tone holes
- Good hand-eye coordination

Clarinetts can be rented for \$15-\$22 a month on a rent to own program.
Clarinetts can be purchased for \$300-\$900.

Some Good Flute Brands:

- Jupiter
- Buffet
- Yamaha
- Vito

Students that play clarinet can switch to saxophone in 7th grade.

TRUMPET



The Trumpet is also a very popular instrument. The trumpet offers a lot of exciting possibilities.

Physical Considerations for playing the trumpet:

- Thin to medium lip size
- Straight front teeth
- Good musical ears

Trumpets can be rented for \$15-\$22 a month on a rent to own program.
Trumpets can be purchased for \$400-\$1000.

Some Good Trumpet Brands:

- Bach
- Conn
- Yamaha
- Jupiter

If a student starts on the trumpet, it is possible to switch to the French Horn or baritone for 7th grade.

TROMBONE



The Trombone is one of the best instruments you can choose! We are in need of Trombone Players!!!

Physical Considerations for playing the trombone:

- Tall
- longer arms to use the slide
- good musical ears
- lips medium to thick

Trombones can be rented for \$15-\$22 a month on a rent to own program.
Trombones can be purchased for \$400-\$1000.

Some Good Trombone Brands:

- Getzen
- Conn
- Yamaha
- Jupiter

If a student starts on the trombone, it is possible to switch to the tuba or baritone for 7th grade.

PERCUSSION



To be a percussionist, you must have at LEAST ONE YEAR OF PIANO OR ONE YEAR OF PRIVATE DRUM LESSONS!

Percussion students will learn the basics of the major percussion instruments including: Snare Drum, Bells, bass drum, cymbals, timpani, and auxiliary percussion.

Percussion students will need to purchase a Bell Kit - which will include a set of bells and a practice pad. The kits can be purchased for \$150-\$300. You can find great deals online at www.wvbw.com.

Percussion students will not be using a drum set until middle school. The focus will be on snare drum and bells and percussion basics.

Some Good Percussion Brands:

- Ludwig
- Pearl
- Yamaha
- Jupiter

PLEASE CONTACT MRS. WOOD if you are interested in playing percussion

Sunrise Ridge Orchestra

Information Packet

Dear Parent(s):

Your child has attended or may have a chance to attend a demonstration in which he/she saw, heard, held, and played one of the bowed string instruments.

The students performing come from Desert Hills High School. Many of them began their instrumental study as sixth graders at Sunrise Ridge.

It has been found that string study helps foster better study habits, promotes self-motivation, enhances self-esteem, and provides an outlet for creative, social, and artistic development.

Sunrise Ridge has a strong instrumental music tradition. Students participating in orchestra have the opportunity to play in concerts, festivals, and in-class recitals.

Counselors from Sunrise Ridge will be providing the students with their registration forms. Enrollment in the string classes is one of the elective choices on the form.

Beginning students need no previous experience to join. If a student is coming into sixth grade with prior playing experience, he/she is welcome to register for the Intermediate level class.

If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact me. We're excited to have you join! For video clips and information about our orchestra programs, please visit Mrs. Candland's page on the Sunrise Ridge website. — www.sri.washk12.org

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Each string instrument comes in various sizes to fit the student. I am happy to help measure for proper sizing, or any of the local music stores are happy to do the same.

Not only can each string instrument can be bowed (arco) or plucked (pizzicato) to produce its unique sound, they can also be used as solo instruments or contribute to the larger sound of an ensemble. String instruments are available in both acoustic and electric form.

VIOLIN-the smallest and the highest in pitch, violin is the most popular. Many different styles can be played on the violin, from fiddle to classical. Like the viola, it is played on the shoulder.



VIOLA--slightly larger and deeper sounding than the violin, the viola reads alto clef, and adds a mellow richness to the orchestra. It is held on the shoulder.



CELLO--most commonly played in a seated position, this instrument is well known for its lush, rich sound.



BASS--the largest and most versatile. String basses are found in orchestras, jazz bands, concert bands, with many different musical styles including classical, jazz, funk, country, rock, bluegrass, etc.



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF BAND & ORCHESTRA STUDENTS.....

- Students are expected to work hard each day in class.**
- Students are expected to practice outside of school a few days each week.**
- Students will perform in concerts during school and outside of school time. Students will also attend festivals and performances at other schools.**
- It is an option to purchase a shirt for \$10. If not you must provide a plain black shirt for performances**
- To have your own instrument to use. The school can provide instruments depending on needs.
You can rent an instrument from a music store for \$10-20 a month, and all stores do a rent to own program.**
- Method Book for daily use \$10-12**
- Pay the Music Class Fee - \$15**

WHY DO MUSIC?

EMOTIONAL

Music provides a creative outlet and a break from the routine and rigor of the traditional school day. Students in music are among the highest overall performers and still report less stress and tension than their non-musical counterparts.

SOCIAL

Participating in musical groups promotes self-confidence, team work, social skills, social networking, a sense of belonging, self-discipline, a sense of accomplishment, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, mutual support, and friendships.

ACADEMIC

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas including language development, spatial-temporal skills, pattern recognition, critical thinking, and so much more.

PERSONAL

Through music, students become better people, as they develop self-discipline, confidence, commitment, responsibility, good decision making, and personal pride. They are able to do this with the support of peers in a safe and risk-free environment.

MUSIC HELPS TO ENSURE LIFE-LONG SUCCESS

70%

Admissions officers at 70% of the nation's major universities considered that high school credit and achievement in the music department as a condition for admission to their institutions.

30

The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.

107

The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SAT.

66%

Over Thomas' physician and biologic found that music majors comprise the highest percentage of successful medical students (66%).

92%

A 2003 Gallup Poll indicated that 92% percent of people who play an instrument say they were getting better at it.



Students who participate in music have the lowest levels of current and life long use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs among any group in our society.

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