



Ms. Cynthia Snyder
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Before School Class
Concert Band
Daily 7:30-8:20am

During School Classes

Advanced Band & Composition Block C

Intermediate Band Block F

Beginning Band Block H

After School Instrumental Classes

Jazz Band
Tuesday 3:00-4:00, Thursday X

Orchestra
Wed Thursday 3:00-4:00

Beginning Strings
Wed Thursday 3:00-4:00

Percussion Ensemble
Wednesday 4:00-5:15

Concert Band

“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.” Confucius

Begins Monday the 2nd week of school and meets daily at 7:30 am sharp throughout the year. An average of 40-50 students make this big commitment.

If you are thinking, “but what if I can’t make it to band one morning because I slept in?” It is not the end of the world. All I ask is for an email, subject “absent” from the student with parent copied on the same day letting me know the reason for an absence.

It only becomes a problem if absences happen on a regular basis or there is no communication.

This is an age of learning responsibility, duty and respect. **Success is not about being perfect**, it is about giving the best of oneself. Failure only comes from those who do not put effort and do not find ways to improve against the odds.

This is the top ensemble because it has the most dedicated student musicians. We play a variety of music and perform at some school events—each year we travel to 2 **band festivals, Universal Studios, California Adventure** and **Disneyland**.

Requirements are: Determination, dedication and desire.

The Chaminade Band & Orchestra Program’s purpose is to ensure students

- Memory & concentration improve
- **Organizational & Time management skills**
- Boosts Team skills
- **Teaches perseverance**
- Enhances Coordination
- Math skills improve
- Reading & Comprehension improve
- **Relieves stress**
- Creates a sense of achievement
- Promotes social skills
- **Teaches discipline & responsibility**
- Promotes happiness in your life and others



are able to participate to the full extent of their wishes. **Taking chances at this age is important.** Students are encouraged to join as many ensembles as possible to **learn their boundaries.**

It is my mission that every band/orchestra student is given the tools to succeed beyond middle school.

I founded Chaminade Band October 1991 with 17 brave students who were willing to be the first at something new. Due to the enthusiasm of both students and director the program grew quickly and

has resulted in a new band room and gym for the middle school and a high school band program with many awards.

I am available to all students Monday through Friday at 2nd lunch and after school Monday for student questions and practice opportunities. I can also be contacted mainly by phone/text.

I have taught students who didn’t know what band/orchestra was and discovered they loved it. My hope is to extend that kind of passion to each incoming student.