

“Band was more than just learning an instrument. You taught us life skills.”
Christine Rogers



During the School Day Classes

Beginning & Intermediate Bands, Advanced Band & Composition

Due to the necessity of **building skill band courses meet the full year.** Many students continue throughout high school. This gives them the opportunity to **earn instrumental scholarships to college.**

6th grade students with varied levels of experience are in one class. After one month most are at the same level. **Piano** students learn to assimilate what they know to a second instrument like **trombone, trumpet, clarinet or flute.**

6th grade students are also challenged by learning conducting, leadership skills, understanding of concert pitch and advanced rhythms while beginners learn basic rhythms and notes with proper tone production.

Each student is pushed to his/her potential. Students with issues may request an X block pass and/or come see me at 2nd lunch during the week.

7th grade students are in the Intermediate Band II class. Most have taken band in 6th grade having learned concert pitch, basic scales and our class structure. They apply more leadership skills and create “how to video’s” for others demonstrating their knowledge.

New students are welcome. Those with no experience can catch up with a special pro-

gram set for their individual needs.

8th grade students continue to build on their musicianship and start to flourish in the life skills of leadership, organization and communication. They have the opportunity to compose/arrange, create “How to” videos, select festival music. They manage younger students and work as a team in their sections and the ensemble as a whole.

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

- 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 & others

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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 D

After School Instrumental Classes

Jazz Band

Tues 3:00-4:15

Orchestra

Wed & Thurs 3:00-4:00

Beginning Strings

Wed & Thursday 3:00-4:00

Percussion Ensemble

Wednesday 4:00-5:15



Chaminade Band/Orchestra Program

Chaminade Band and Orchestra Programs purpose is to ensure students are able to participate to the full extent of their wishes. This is an age when taking chances 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 by phone or email.

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.

