



# HOPKINS ADVANCED ELEMENTARY BAND

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COME JOIN THE BAND!



**ATTENTION – ALL INCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WHO HAVE PLAYED A BAND INSTRUMENT FOR AT LEAST THE PAST YEAR!**

The time has come to sign up for the Advanced Elementary Band Program that is offered at Hopkins Junior High School for the 2016-2017 school year. This program is open to **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** who have played their band instrument for at least one year, or **ADVANCED 5<sup>th</sup>** grade students.

- Mission Area **Advanced** Elementary Band
- Starts Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- **Meets every Thursday**
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Hopkins Junior High, Room 23

The classes will be taught by the **Director of Instrumental Music at Hopkins Junior High School**. The cost of this program is a **one-time \$190 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-June). This offsets the costs associated with the class including instructors, equipment, facilities, maintenance, books and sheet music, etc. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. *(No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)*

**Continuing in 2016-2017**, students will have the opportunity to work with specialists on their instrument for the first hour of each class meeting. This will allow them to work on “instrument-specific techniques” in order to better prepare them for entrance into the Junior High and High School band programs. The second hour of each class will involve large-group rehearsals on concert performance literature.

This program has been designed to prepare students to enter the Award-Winning Hopkins Junior High Band Program *(which is among the best in California!)* in their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. It allows the students to work with their upcoming junior high music teacher for an entire year, and to have the opportunity of working with a state credentialed music teacher. The students will continue to work from the “Standard of Excellence” method book, as well as playing a variety of band pieces with a focus of learning to play in a large ensemble. They will have at least 2-3 concerts during the school year.

This class is also the first opportunity for students to explore switching to new instruments that are not necessarily taught at the elementary level. These include: **oboe, bassoon, tenor saxophone, French Horn, trombone, and baritone**, and there may be some school-owned instruments available for use for these students.

**ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CLASS!** Students with two years of experience who are entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade may be eligible as well. Also, those students that play **trombone, baritone, tuba, French horn, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, percussion, and oboe** will HAVE PRIORITY.

**DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW. IT WILL INVALIDATE YOUR APPLICATION.**

Please mail the form to:

*Mr. Greg Conway, Attention: Adv. Elementary Band  
Hopkins Junior High School Music  
P.O. Box 1073, Fremont, CA 94538*

➤ **FORMS DUE BY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016**

**YOU MUST include a self-addressed stamped envelope.** More information will be sent to you in August. Thank you!

Please detach and **mail** to the above address by **AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016**. **YOU MUST include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Do not turn this in to your teacher – Mail Only. PRINT CLEARLY!**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (in 2016-17): \_\_\_\_\_ Years of experience on your **band** instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ One \_\_\_\_\_ Two or more

Parent's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_