

Hopkins Junior High School Music Department

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Dear Parents,

Hello from Hopkins Jr. High School Music Department! As the Director of Instrumental Music at Hopkins, I would like to invite you and your students to join or continue in the **Elementary Band and Orchestra Programs** for the school year **2022-2023**! All incoming 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in the Mission Attendance Area have the great opportunity to learn music through one or both of these programs, and to eventually play in one of the award-winning ensembles at Hopkins!

Please view the elementary program overview video here: https://youtu.be/Y3bYzHhy_u4

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There are many, many benefits to taking music classes in Elementary, Junior High, and High School. These benefits can help a student succeed in many different ways. For example, **colleges and universities specifically look for music classes on a high school transcript during the admissions process.** I have put together a partial list of these benefits supported by some of the studies and research that have been conducted about music and arts education, as well as a list of what colleges and universities say about music education in school.

Here is a sample of the general benefits of music education:

- Did you know that students in “top quality” instrumental music programs at school score on average **22% better in English** and **20% better in Math** on standardized tests than students not enrolled in music classes? This is true for both low-performing schools and very high-performing schools (according to a study conducted by the University of Kansas).
- Did you know that students in music classes in school tend to have **higher scores on the SAT**? This has been shown in numerous studies dating back to the 1990s. In the most recent report (2016) from The College Board (administrator of the SAT), students in music classes scored on average **56 points higher on the verbal portion** and **34 points higher on the Math portion** of the test compared with students not in music classes.
- Did you know that colleges and universities specifically look for music classes on high school transcripts when processing applications? Colleges and universities value music classes very highly because they are the only classes that by themselves show the development of a student’s skills in many areas---group work, multi-tasking, spatial reasoning, mathematics, leadership, community spirit, and others. **This is especially true now with the changes in testing requirements for UC’s and other universities!**

Here are the benefits of taking music specifically at Hopkins:

- Did you know that Hopkins has one of the **strongest, largest, and highest quality instrumental music programs in California and the entire United States**? The band program has been one of the best, consistently achieving the highest possible ratings at festivals since the mid-1980s. In each of the last 10 years, the Hopkins Bands received the highest rating of “Superior” at the CMEA Band Festival. The Hopkins Wind Ensemble (the highest level of band) was **one of only two middle school bands selected to perform at the prestigious California Music Educators Association State Conference in 2010.** The Orchestra program also has earned a very strong reputation. The Hopkins Advanced Orchestra is considered **“the best middle school string orchestra” in California**, and continues to be among the best in the entire country---it received a unanimous “Perfect” score of 100 at the Music in the Parks Festival in Anaheim in 2010, 2012, 2013 & 2014, and was a

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featured performer at California All-State Music Education Conference in 2012 & 2017! The Hopkins Advanced Orchestra received a “Unanimous Superior” rating at the ASTA National Orchestra Festival in Spring 2019! In each year since 2007, both Orchestras of Hopkins received “Unanimous Superior” (the highest possible) ratings at the CMEA Orchestra Festival. **Almost all of these students participated in the After-School Bands or Orchestras during their elementary school years.**

- Did you know that **most of the top academic students at Hopkins participate in the instrumental music program**? The winners of the Hopkins Geography Bee and the Hopkins Spelling Bee almost every year have been music students. In 2009, four of the five members of the Hopkins Science Bowl team that took 1st Place in a nationwide competition in Washington D.C. were enrolled in music classes at Hopkins. Also, a large majority of students taking the Advanced (Honors/AP) Science and Advanced Math classes each year at Hopkins and Mission San Jose HS are instrumental music students!

Elementary students in the Mission Attendance Area (i.e. Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission Valley, and Mission San Jose) are extremely fortunate to have several options for studying music:

BANDS:

BAND INSTRUMENTS INCLUDE ALL WOODWINDS (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone), BRASS (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone), and PERCUSSION.

- The ***Intermediate Elementary Band*** is run by the Hopkins JHS Music Department. This class is designed for students who are **4th or 5th graders** and have been playing their band instrument for **at least one year**. There is a one-time registration donation for this class that covers the entire school year. More details may be found on the following pages.
- The ***Advanced Elementary Band*** is also run by the Hopkins Music Department. This class is designed for students who are **6th graders** and have been playing their band instrument for **at least one year** (along with 5th graders who have 2+ years’ experience or have completed the “Intermediate” class). There is a one-time registration donation for this class that covers the entire school year. More details may be found on the following pages.

STRING ORCHESTRAS:

ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTS INCLUDE VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, and STRING BASS.

- Run by Hopkins Music Department, the ***Elementary String Orchestra*** program offers ***Beginning*** (no experience), ***Intermediate*** (one or more years’ experience), and ***Advanced*** (2+ years’ experience) level classes. There is a one-time registration donation for these classes that covers the entire school year. More details may be found on the following pages.

In this packet, you will find detailed information about the music program, including the importance of music education, Frequently Asked Questions about music classes, the sequence of music classes for band and orchestra, and specific class descriptions. Once you have read through the packet, make sure that you complete the online registration at www.musicathopkins.com by **September 3, 2022**.

Do visit the Hopkins Music Department website at www.musicathopkins.com to find out more. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time, preferably through e-mail. You can also contact current and former Hopkins Music Parents with questions at volunteers@musicathopkins.com. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your students in the coming years!

Musically,

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WHAT IS BAND? WHAT IS ORCHESTRA?

Often the most common question asked by parents is the difference between “Band” and “Orchestra”. Both are “performance-based large group music classes”, but there are differences.

Please see overview video here: https://youtu.be/IsuxZLfL_io

BAND

Band classes are made up of “Wind” and “Percussion” instruments (see instrument list below). Elementary Beginning Band classes are held **at each elementary school**. There is an Intermediate & an Advanced Elementary Band class held **at Hopkins JHS**.

Instruments in “Band”:

Flute, **Oboe**, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, **Bassoon**, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, **Trumpet**, **French Horn**, **Trombone**, **Baritone**, Tuba, Percussion

*(Instruments in **bold** are in high demand at Hopkins JHS/Mission San Jose HS.)*

Band Classes Offered in Mission San Jose HS Attendance Area:

Beginning Elementary Band (run by Fremont Education Foundation – www.fremont-education.org)

Intermediate Elementary Band

Advanced Elementary Band

Hopkins JHS Beginning Band

Hopkins JHS Concert Band (Intermediate)

Hopkins JHS Symphonic Band (Advanced)

Hopkins JHS Wind Ensemble (Advanced)

Hopkins JHS Jazz Workshop (Intermediate)

Hopkins JHS Jazz Ensemble (Advanced)

Mission San Jose HS Concert Band

Mission San Jose HS Symphonic Band

Mission San Jose HS Wind Ensemble

Mission San Jose HS Marching Band

Mission San Jose HS Jazz Band

ORCHESTRA

Orchestra classes are made up of “String” instruments (see instrument list below). Elementary orchestra classes are held at the Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced levels **at Hopkins JHS**.

Instruments in “Orchestra”:

Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass

Orchestra Classes Offered in Mission San Jose HS Attendance Area:

Beginning Elementary Orchestra

Intermediate Elementary Orchestra

Advanced Elementary Orchestra

Hopkins JHS Intermediate Orchestra

Hopkins JHS Advanced Orchestra

Mission San Jose HS Orchestra

Both programs (Band and Orchestra) at Hopkins JHS are considered to be among the best in California. Band and Orchestra participation is viewed as equally beneficial by colleges and universities, and provide many of the same benefits to student participants. Both require similar amounts of outside-of-class practice and have similar performance commitments at the various levels.

Why Take Music????

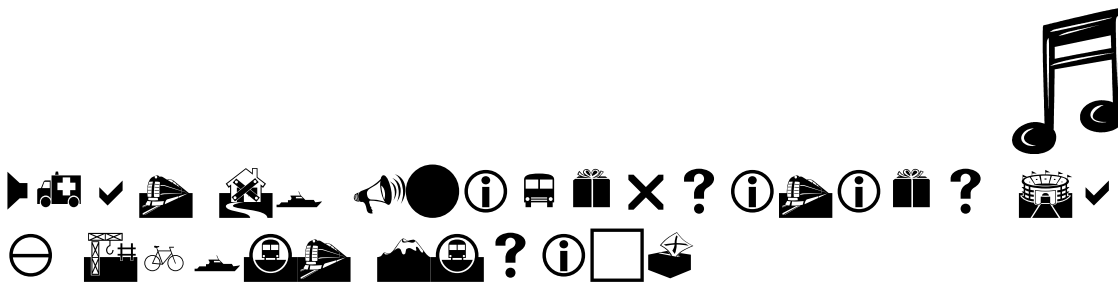


There are many, many reasons for taking music classes at school. Here is a partial list of some of the more compelling reasons.

1. The U.S. Department of Education lists the arts as subjects that college-bound middle and junior high school students should take, stating “Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience that broadens students’ understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized that the arts contribute significantly to children’s intellectual development.”
2. The College Board (administrator of the SAT exam) identifies the arts (including music) as one of the 6 basic academic subject areas students should study in order to succeed in college.
3. According to The College Board in 2006, students with coursework/experience in music performance and music appreciation scored higher on the SAT: students in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal and 43 points higher on the math than did students with no music participation.
4. A separate study concluded in 2000 of more than 10 million high school students found that:
 - Students who take arts classes (including music) have higher math, verbal, and composite SAT scores than students who do not take arts classes.
 - As the number of arts classes increases, so do SAT scores.
 - 4 or more years of arts classes correspond to the strongest relationship with higher SAT scores.
 - Music history, theory, and appreciation have the strongest relationship with higher math SAT scores.
5. Students in “top quality” instrumental music programs at school score on average 22% better in English and 20% better in Math on standardized tests (such as SBAC) than students not enrolled in music classes. This statistic is true for both low-performing schools and very high-performing schools (according to a study conducted by the University of Kansas in 2007.)
6. Physician and biologist Lewis Thomas studied the undergraduate majors of medical school applicants. He found that 66% of music majors who applied to medical school were admitted, the highest percentage of any group. 44% of biochemistry majors were admitted.
7. In an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data on more than 25,000 secondary school students in 1999, researchers found that students who report consistent high levels of involvement in instrumental music (band and orchestra) over the middle school years show “significantly higher levels of mathematics proficiency by grade 12.” Differences in those who are involved with instrumental music vs. those who are not is more significant over time.
8. According to Grant Venerable, author of “The Paradox of the Silicon Savior”, the “very best engineers and technical designers in the Silicon Valley are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians.”
9. In an 11-year study (1987-1998) on the effects of involvement in youth organizations (arts, athletics, or community-based), compared to the National Educational Longitudinal Sample (a general sampling of students), students involved in arts based groups (including music) were:
 - Over 4 times more likely to participate in community service.
 - 8 times more likely to win a community service award.
 - Nearly twice as likely to read for pleasure.
 - Over 3 times more likely to be elected to a class office in schedule.
 - 3 times more likely to win a school attendance award.
 - 4 times more likely to participate in a math or science fair.
 - Over 4 times more likely to win an award for an essay or poem.
 - 2 times more likely to win an academic achievement award.
 - 4 times more likely to win schoolwide attention for academic achievement.

For more stats and figures visit: <https://www.nammfoundation.org/articles/2014-06-09/positive-influence-playing-music-youth>

Sources: NAFME-The National Association for Music Education “Why Music Education?” 2007
& www.schoolmusicmatters.com



1. The College Board, the administrator of the SAT Test, identifies the arts (including music) as one of the 6 areas that students should study in order to succeed in college.
2. University admissions officers **clearly state** that students who participate in arts classes continually through high school have an advantage over students who do not when applying for high-end schools.
3. **During the admissions process**, colleges and universities look for students who “stand out” and who have something to offer to the campus. Music students who have played for at least 3 years in high school ensembles are **automatically** placed in this category (assuming they have met all other university entrance requirements).
4. **Continuous enrollment in music** is valued by colleges and universities much more highly than extra years of foreign language classes. Students having to choose between music and extra language classes at the Junior High level should **ALWAYS** choose music according to admissions officers of several universities. Language requirements can be met in high school along with music classes.
5. Playing an instrument well **can help a student get into a university** if they are willing to play in the university’s ensembles. Students do not have to be a music major to take advantage of this. All universities have to have enough musicians on each instrument to feature high-level performing groups. University band and orchestra directors will find a way for a talented student/musician to get into a school.
6. **Having music on a student’s transcript** all through high school shows that a student has developed skills in group work, multi-tasking, spatial reasoning, mathematics, leadership, community spirit, and many other areas. These types of skills cannot be found all together in any other class.

HOPKINS JR. HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Awards, Honors & Student Accomplishments 2006-2020

BAND PROGRAM

Wind Ensemble

- “Featured Performer” at California All-State Music Education Conference, March 2010. 1 of only 2 bands invited statewide and the first music group from Fremont to ever perform at a State Conference!
- “Unanimous Superior” (highest possible rating) at CMEA All-State Band/Orchestra Festival every year it was held (2013-2019). Our Wind Ensemble was 1 of only 7 groups in 2019, which included high school groups, from throughout California to achieve this rating—the Hopkins Advanced Orchestra also achieved this top rating!
- **Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble** – 22 “Superior” ratings and 24 “1st Place” awards at Music in the Parks Disneyland Festival (2006-2019)
- **Concert Band** – 10 “Superior” ratings and 6 “1st Place” awards at Music in the Parks Great America Festival (2008-2019)
- Hopkins Bands consistently have the highest number of students from any school in Northern California selected for the All-State JHS Honor Band (23 students in 2020)—a statewide honor of distinction.
- Hopkins Bands consistently have the highest number of students from any school accepted to the All-Northern California JHS Honor Band (50 students in 2020)—among the best student band musicians from all of Northern California.
- Hopkins Bands – 21 “Unanimous Superior” (highest possible rating) at CMEA Bay Section Festivals

ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Advanced Orchestra

- Only California school to perform at American String Teachers Association National Orchestra Festival in 2019, and received a “Unanimous Superior” rating (one of only 6 middle schools accepted nationwide, and the first music group from Fremont to ever compete at a national festival!)
- “Featured Performer” at California All-State Music Education Conference, February 2012 & again February 2017 (the only orchestra accepted statewide for this performance each time!)
- “Unanimous Superior” (highest possible rating) at CMEA All-State Band/Orchestra Festival every year it was held (2013-2019). 1 of only 7 groups to achieve this rating statewide in 2019. Hopkins Wind Ensemble also achieved this rating!
- **Advanced Orchestra** – 13 “Superior” ratings and 12 “1st Place” awards at Music in the Parks Disneyland Festival (2007-2019), including 4 “Perfect” Scores of “100” in 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014 (only 5 Perfect Scores have ever been awarded since 1990—and Hopkins achieved 4 of them!)
- **Intermediate Orchestra** – 12 “Superior” ratings and 10 “1st Place” awards at Music in the Parks Great America Festival (2008-2019)
- Hopkins Orchestras – 23 “Unanimous Superior” (highest possible rating) at CMEA Bay Section Festivals (2007-2019)
- Hopkins Orchestras consistently have the highest number of students from any school accepted to the All-State JHS Honor Orchestra (18 students in 2020)—a statewide honor of distinction.

JAZZ PROGRAM

- Hopkins Jazz Ensemble – 8 “Unanimous Superior” (highest possible rating) at CMEA Bay Section Festivals (2009-2020)
- Hopkins Jazz Ensemble – 12 “Superior” ratings and “1st Place” awards at Music in the Parks Disneyland Festival (2006-2019)

Hopkins Music Program participants have been accepted to these Colleges/Universities after completing High School (2011-2020) ... *this is only a partial list:*

In State:

Biola University
 Cal Poly
 California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
 Occidental College
 Pepperdine University
 Pomona College
 Saint Mary's College
 Santa Clara University
 Stanford University
 University of San Francisco
 University of Southern California (USC)
 University of the Pacific (UOP)
 University of California:
 Berkeley Riverside
 Davis San Diego

Irvine Santa Barbara
 Los Angeles Santa Cruz
 Merced

Out of State:

Arizona State University
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western University
 Cornell University
 Duke University
 Georgia Tech University
 Gonzaga University
 Harvard University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
 New York University (NYU)
 Northwestern University
 Princeton University

Purdue University
St. John's University
Southern Methodist University
Swarthmore College
University of Chicago
University of Hawaii
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of Washington
Vanderbilt University
Yale University

Music Class Sequence: Mission Attendance Area FUSD

(For students beginning in 4th Grade)

Band*

4th Grade: Elementary Beginning Band (not offered in 2022-23)

This class provides an introduction to the instrument and establishes basics, including music reading, tone production, correct playing techniques, and basic performance techniques. There will be a minimum of one concert. Classes meet at each elementary school once per week for 1 hour. *These classes are provided by the Fremont Education Foundation.*

5th Grade: Elementary Intermediate Band

This class is a continuation of Band, picking up from the end of Beginning Band. This class involves 5th grade students from all elementary schools in the Mission Attendance Area, and continues refinement of skills related to music reading, playing techniques, and tone production. There is also a focus on harmony and musical independence. It is also an opportunity for band students to meet and interact with students from other schools that they will be in band class with through JHS and HS. There will be a minimum of two concerts: one in January/February and one in May/June. This class meets at Hopkins JHS once per week for 1 hour.

6th Grade: Advanced Elementary Band

This class involves 6th grade students from all elementary schools in the Mission Attendance Area. It provides a continuation of Band classes, with a focus on large-ensemble performance. It also includes “sectional rehearsals” with instrument specialists on each instrument. This class is an opportunity for students to switch to some of the larger band instruments (such as trombone, baritone, tuba, bass clarinet, bassoon, etc.) It is also an opportunity for band students to meet and interact with students from other schools that they will be in band class with in 7th and 8th grade. This ensemble performs at least two times per year: in January/February, and in May/June. This class meets at Hopkins JHS once per week in the evening for 2 hours.

7th Grade: Hopkins JHS Concert Band

This class represents the first opportunity for students to have music classes as part of their daily school schedule. Classes meet as part of the regular school schedule for 49 minutes per day. Continuation and refinement of skills such as tone production, ensemble balance, blend, and intonation are focused upon. Also, students learn and master an advanced level of music reading, notation, and theory. Many students switch instruments in the class in order to form a balanced ensemble. These students who switch to a new instrument receive private group lessons (by instrument) once per week from the band director. This ensemble performs at a very high level, and requires a lot of musical growth during the year. Concert Band performs at a minimum of 3 evening concerts during the year, as well as traveling to the CMEA Band Festival in the spring, and performing at a Music in the Parks Festival at Great America.

8th Grade: Hopkins JHS Symphonic Band OR Wind Ensemble

These are the second in the comprehensive Band sequence at Hopkins JHS. Classes again meet as part of the regular school schedule for 49 minutes per day. This class also continues refinement of all previously learned skills. There is an introduction of more advanced performance and music reading concepts. Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble are each considered to be one of the highest-level middle school/junior high bands in the State of California. This class is designed to prepare students to participate in the bands at Mission San Jose High School. Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble perform at a minimum of 3 evening concerts during the year. Each ensemble also participates in the spring CMEA Band Festival, and travels to Anaheim, CA (Disneyland) to participate in the Music in the Parks festival in May. Students in this class have the opportunity to audition for the Hopkins Jazz Ensemble, which is a “Big Band” that meets before school every day. Also, selected students from Wind Ensemble will be asked to play with the Full Orchestra. (Wind Ensemble is a slightly more advanced group than Symphonic Band, with students accepted by audition.)

** There are many exceptions to this sequence, and students always have the option of testing into a higher level if there is space in the class. Students may also begin the sequence at any time in elementary school and up through 7th grade. However, it is strongly recommended that students begin an instrument in 4th or 5th grade.*

Orchestra*

4th Grade: Elementary Beginning String Orchestra

This class provides an introduction to the instrument and establishes basics, including music reading, tone production, correct playing techniques, and basic performance techniques. The first meeting of this class will involve an instrument selection process to establish a balanced ensemble. There will be a minimum of two concerts, one in the winter and one in the spring. Classes meet at Hopkins JHS once per week for 1 hour, and involve students from all Mission Attendance Area elementary schools (Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission San Jose, and Mission Valley).

5th Grade: Elementary Intermediate String Orchestra

This class is a continuation of Orchestra, picking up from the end of Beginning Strings. It continues with more advanced topics related to music reading, playing techniques, and tone production. There is also a focus on harmony and musical independence. There will be a minimum of two concerts, one in the winter and one in the spring. Classes meet at Hopkins JHS once per week for 1 hour, and involve students from all Mission Attendance Area elementary schools.

6th Grade: Elementary Advanced String Orchestra

This class is a continuation of Intermediate Orchestra, picking up from the end of Intermediate Strings. It continues more detailed refinement of skills including music reading, tone production, and more advanced playing techniques. There is continuing focus on harmony, musical independence, and musicality. Students in this class are expected to perform at a high elementary level. There will be a minimum of two concerts, one in the winter and one in the spring. Class meets at Hopkins JHS once per week for 75 minutes, and involves students from all Mission Attendance Area elementary schools.

7th Grade: Hopkins JHS Intermediate Orchestra

This class represents the first opportunity for students to have music classes as part of their daily school schedule. Classes meet as part of the regular school schedule for 49 minutes per day. Continuation and refinement of skills such as tone production, ensemble balance, blend, and intonation are focused upon. Also, students learn and master an advanced level of music reading, notation, and theory. This ensemble performs at a very high level, and requires a lot of musical growth during the year. **This class is not to be confused with *Elementary Intermediate Orchestra*, as they are not the same!** Intermediate Orchestra performs in a minimum of 3 evening concerts per year, and travels to the local CMEA Orchestra Festival, and a Music in the Parks Festival at Great America in the spring.

8th Grade: Hopkins JHS Advanced Orchestra & Full Orchestra

This is the second in the comprehensive Orchestra sequence at Hopkins JHS. Classes again meet as part of the regular school schedule for 49 minutes per day. This class continues refinement of all previously learned skills. There is also an introduction of more advanced performance and music reading concepts. This class is designed to prepare students to participate in the orchestra at Mission San Jose High School, and performs at a very high level. Advanced Orchestra performs at a minimum of 3 evening concerts during the year. This ensemble also participates in the spring CMEA Orchestra Festival, and travels to Anaheim, CA (Disneyland) to participate in the Music in the Parks festival in May. Selected students in this class are part of the Hopkins Full Orchestra, where members of Wind Ensemble are brought in to rehearse with the string players.

** There are many exceptions to this sequence, and students always have the option of testing into a higher level if there is space in the class. Students must begin this string orchestra sequence in 4th or 5th grade in order to be eligible to participate in the orchestras at Hopkins JHS in 7th grade.*



HOPKINS INTERMEDIATE ELEMENTARY BAND

Website: www.musicathopkins.com

COME JOIN THE BAND!



ATTENTION – ALL INCOMING 4TH & 5TH GRADERS WHO HAVE PLAYED A BAND INSTRUMENT FOR AT LEAST THE PAST YEAR!

The time has come to sign up for the Intermediate Elementary Band Program that is offered at Hopkins Junior High School for the 2022-2023 school year. This program is open to **4th & 5th GRADERS** who have played their band instrument for at least one year.

This class requires a minimum of 60 students to be offered for 2022-23!

*****6th Grade students with 1 or more years' experience should register for the "Advanced Elementary Band" class – details regarding that class are on the following pages.***

- Mission Area **Intermediate** Elementary Band
- Starts mid September 2022 (tentative)
- **In-person class every Thursday 4:30 – 5:30 pm**

The cost of this program is a **one-time \$250 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-May). This offsets the costs associated with the class including instructors, equipment, facilities, maintenance, books and sheet music, etc., and software for online instruction. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. *(No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)*

The elementary band 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 7th grade year. This class allows the students the opportunity to work 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.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING 4TH OR 5TH GRADE WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CLASS!

5th Grade students who are taking outside private lessons may be eligible for the "Advanced Elementary Band" class. Please contact Mr. Fok (gfolk@musicathopkins.com) for more details and approval.

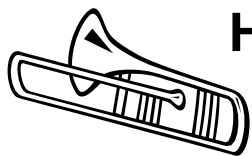
DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW. IT WILL INVALIDATE YOUR APPLICATION.

To register for this class, please complete the online registration form for "Intermediate Elementary Band" on the Hopkins Music Department website:

www.musicathopkins.com/programs/elementary-bands-orchestras

REGISTRATION DUE BY September 3, 2022

More information will be sent to you in August. Thank you!



HOPKINS ADVANCED ELEMENTARY BAND

Website: www.musicathopkins.com

COME JOIN THE BAND!



ATTENTION – ALL INCOMING 6TH 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 2022-2023 school year. This program is open to **6TH GRADERS** who have played their band instrument for at least one year, or **ADVANCED 5th grade students**.

This class requires a minimum of 80 students to be offered for 2022-23!

*****6th Grade students with NO BAND OR MUSIC EXPERIENCE may be able to participate in this class as well – Please contact Mr. Fok (gfolk@musicathopkins.com) for more information!***

- Mission Area **Advanced** Elementary Band
- Starts mid September 2022 (tentative)
- **In-person class every Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

The cost of this program is a **one-time \$250 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-May). This offsets the costs associated with the class including instructors, equipment, facilities, maintenance, books and sheet music, etc., and software for online instruction. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. *(No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)*

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 7th grade year. It allows the students the opportunity to work 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.

Continuing this year, 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 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 6TH GRADE WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR’S EXPERIENCE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CLASS! Students with **two years of experience** who are entering 5th grade may be eligible as well.

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

To register for this class, please complete the online registration form for “Advanced Elementary Band” on the Hopkins Music Department website:

www.musicathopkins.com/programs/elementary-bands-orchestras

REGISTRATION DUE BY September 3, 2022

More information will be sent to you in August. Thank you!



HOPKINS AFTER-SCHOOL BEGINNING STRING ORCHESTRA

Website: www.musicathopkins.com

OPEN TO Incoming 4th AND 5th GRADERS

The Hopkins Music Department will be offering 2 BEGINNING AFTER-SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA classes for the 2022-23 school year. This program will be open to all incoming 4th & 5th graders who are interested in playing violin, viola, or cello (with NO experience required).

****THIS CLASS IS FOR STUDENTS WITH NO STRING INSTRUMENT EXPERIENCE. Students who already play a string instrument (violin, viola, cello) should register for the Intermediate or Advanced class based on their experience level!****

Beginning Orchestra

- 4th & 5th grade **BEGINNING** Orchestra – Open to students at Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission Valley, Mission San Jose
- ****6th Grade Students are not allowed in the Beginning String Classes!***
- There are TWO Beginning classes offered:

Beginning Class #1

- Starts mid September, 2022 (tentative)
- **Every Tuesday 4:45-5:45pm**
- **Includes monthly online class for supplemental instruction**

Beginning Class #2

- Starts mid September, 2022 (tentative)
- **Every Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm**
- **Includes monthly online class for supplemental instruction**

- No experience necessary – Beginners only on Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass

Please visit this website for more instrument info: <https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/group/index.php?id=3379>

The Music Department at Hopkins JHS will be hosting the program. The cost of this program is a **one-time \$250 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-May). This offsets the costs associated with the class including instructor, equipment, facilities, maintenance, books and sheet music, etc., and software for online instruction. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. *(No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)*

Students will study the basics of string instrument technique and music theory. They will work on improving their technique and skills through exercises, etudes, small group playing, full orchestra literature, and method book study. Students will participate in 2-3 concerts during the school year. The classes are designed to prepare students for eventual participation in the Award-Winning Hopkins JHS String Orchestras, which are among the best in California!

BEGINNERS: The first class meeting will allow students to see the violin, viola, and cello and make a choice on which instrument they would like to play. Students will be required to rent or buy their string instrument from one of our local music stores. ***Please DO NOT buy or rent your instrument before the first class. Students will not know what instrument they are playing until the end of the first class.*** More information will be provided in September.

Involvement in music benefits the students in many ways. Colleges look highly upon students who participate in music. The enjoyment that a student gets from succeeding on their instrument and the lasting friendships that are made will stay with them for a lifetime.

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

To register for this class, please complete the online registration form for “Beginning Elementary Orchestra” on the Hopkins Music Department website:

www.musicathopkins.com/programs/elementary-bands-orchestras

REGISTRATION DUE BY September 3, 2022

Due to space constraints, a limited number of students will be accepted into these classes. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. A minimum of 60 students is required for this class to be offered.

More information will be sent to you in August. Thank you!

HOPKINS AFTER-SCHOOL INTERMEDIATE STRING ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Website: www.musicathopkins.com

OPEN TO Incoming 4th, 5th, AND 6th GRADERS



The Hopkins Music Department will once again be offering INTERMEDIATE AFTER-SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA classes for the 2022-23 school year. These programs will be open to all incoming 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who are already playing violin, viola, or cello, or string bass and have at least 1 year's experience (or director's approval).

This class requires a minimum of 50 students.

Intermediate Orchestra

- 4th, 5th, and 6th grade **INTERMEDIATE** Orchestra – Open to students at Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission Valley, Mission San Jose Elementary Schools
- There are TWO Intermediate classes offered:

Intermediate Class #1

- Starts mid September, 2022 (tentative)
- **Every Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm**
- **Includes monthly online class for supplemental instruction**

Intermediate Class #2

- Starts mid September, 2022 (tentative)
- **Every Tuesday 7:15-8:15pm**
- **Includes monthly online class for supplemental instruction**

- Must have AT LEAST 1 OR MORE YEARS experience on **violin, viola, cello, or string bass**

The Music Department at Hopkins JHS will be hosting the program. The cost of this program is a **one-time \$250 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-May) to the Hopkins Music Dept. This offsets the costs associated with the class including instructor, equipment, facilities, maintenance, books and sheet music, etc., and software for online instruction. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. *(No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)*

Students will study the basics of string instrument technique and music theory. They will work on improving their technique and skills through exercises, etudes, small group playing, orchestra literature, and method book study. Students will participate in 2-3 concerts during the school year. The classes are designed to prepare students for eventual participation in the Award-Winning Hopkins JHS String Orchestras, which are among the best in California!

Involvement in music benefits the students in many ways. Colleges look highly upon students who participate in music. The enjoyment that a student gets from succeeding on their instrument and the lasting friendships that are made will stay with them for a lifetime.

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To register for this class, please complete the online registration form for “Intermediate Elementary Orchestra” on the Hopkins Music Department website:

www.musicathopkins.com/programs/elementary-bands-orchestras

REGISTRATION DUE BY September 3, 2022.

More information will be sent to you in August. Thank you!

HOPKINS AFTER-SCHOOL ADVANCED STRING ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Website: www.musicathopkins.com

OPEN TO Incoming 4th, 5th, AND 6TH GRADERS



The Hopkins Music Department will once again be offering an ADVANCED AFTER-SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA classes for the 2022-23 school year. These programs will be open to all incoming 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who already play violin, viola, or cello, or string bass and have **at least 2 years' experience (or director's approval).**

Elementary Advanced Orchestra

- 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission Valley, Mission San Jose Elementary Schools
- Starts: mid September, 2022 (tentative)
- **Every Monday 3:45-5:00 pm**
- **Includes monthly online class for supplemental instruction**
- Must have AT LEAST 2 OR MORE YEARS experience on **violin, viola, cello, or string bass.** *(Students with less than 2 years' experience who are very "advanced" may be eligible for this class with director approval.)*

The Music Department at Hopkins JHS will be hosting the program. The cost of this program is a **one-time \$250 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-May) to the Hopkins Music Dept. This offsets the costs associated with the class including instructor, equipment, facilities, maintenance, books and sheet music, etc., and software for online instruction. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. *(No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)*

Students will study the basics of string instrument technique and music theory. They will work on improving their technique and skills through exercises, etudes, small group playing, orchestra literature, and method book study. Students will participate in 2-3 concerts during the school year. The classes are designed to prepare students for eventual participation in the Award-Winning Hopkins JHS String Orchestras, which are among the best in California!

This class is also the first opportunity for students to **explore switching to new instruments** that are not necessarily as common at the elementary level. These especially include **viola** and **string bass**, and there may be some school-owned instruments available for use for these students.

Involvement in music benefits the students in many ways. Colleges look highly upon students who participate in music. The enjoyment that a student gets from succeeding on their instrument and the lasting friendships that are made will stay with them for a lifetime.

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To register for this class, please complete the online registration form for "Elementary Advanced String Orchestra" on the Hopkins Music Department website:

www.musicathopkins.com/programs/elementary-bands-orchestras

REGISTRATION DUE BY September 3, 2022.

More information will be sent to you in August. Thank you!

What Do Previous Music Students Have to Say about Hopkins Music?

Each of these students took 2 years of band/orchestra at Hopkins and is now either currently in college or recently graduated from college!

For full testimonials see: <http://musicathopkins.com/parent-testimonials/> & <http://musicathopkins.com/recognition/testimonials/>

"I learned that music is a beautiful thing worth devoting my life to, and that excellence takes hard work and a lot of determination – all things considered, a pretty sound investment (and the returns just keep growing)."
~TF, flute 2006-2008

"I continue to be passionate about music today....the Hopkins Music Program has definitely transformed music's role in my life from a chore into a lifetime passion."
~MF, violin 2008-2010

"Being in Hopkins' orchestra was by far the most useful class that I took at Hopkins...I strongly believe the Hopkins Music Program was the factor in my life that made me want to pursue excellence for its own sake. This love has shaped my growth not just in music but in science, my other hobbies."
~CL, cello 2006-2009

"I built a strong foundation in my leadership, teamwork, interpersonal, and communication skills – none of this would be possible without the Hopkins Music Program...If you are a student at Hopkins Junior High School, you definitely cannot and should not miss the amazing opportunity to be part of the Hopkins Music Program. I would highly recommend this program to every student, regardless of music level...the program produces both excellent student musicians and outstanding citizens."
~RL, percussion 2007-2010

"Band creates so many opportunities to meet new people and develop valuable skills such as time management, discipline, teamwork and leadership."
~BM, flute and piccolo 2009-2011

"The experience of being in an award-winning ensemble of peers is one of the most gratifying experiences a student can have, and the musical enrichment that students receive from this program is one that lasts a lifetime...These experiences have definitely shaped me into the person that I am today."
~KN, baritone saxophone 2007-2009

"I highly recommend students join the Hopkins music program whether they want to do band in high school or not."
~JQ, oboe 2009-2011

"I would highly recommend this program to others. The lessons I learned in class have stayed with me long after I left the classroom: perseverance, determination, collaboration, and many others. While I may not directly be using my music education, it will always be the single thing that I am most grateful for."
~NR, French horn 2005-2007

"Participating in the Instrumental Music Program was definitely the most memorable and influential part of my two years of junior high. During those two fulfilling years, I had so much fun with my peers learning about everything music and much more. The euphoria I experienced from making awesome music, of the quality required, with other people was enough for me to continue band for the rest of junior high and beyond."
~JT, trombone 2011-2013

"The Hopkins Music Program was undoubtedly the most incredible program I joined in junior high...being in the music program provided levels of community, unified dedication, and positivity that I would never have been able to take away from my regular classes. Because of the Hopkins Music program, I stayed involved in music throughout high school, leading the band at MSJ for three years."
~MZ, flute 2009-2011