

JOIN THE VOGEL INTERMEDIATE BAND AND ORCHESTRA!!!

Welcome to Vogel band and orchestra!

This letter is to inform you of the great fun in store for students who choose playing in the band or orchestra programs at Vogel Intermediate. The band and orchestra programs have much to offer your child. Band and orchestra meet during the school day. **No previous music training is required for beginning band and orchestra students.** The students will start at the very beginning learning how to read music and how to hold the instruments properly.

Band and orchestra are continual programs, which will begin now and continue through all of the high school years and perhaps beyond. Many universities offer scholarships to instrumentalists to participate in their bands and orchestras. Learning to play an instrument and belonging to a group opens not only a whole new world of creativity, friendship, and fun, but students also develop higher cognitive skills and increased ability to analyze and evaluate information. Students in band or orchestra scored an average of 82 points higher than their non-arts counterparts every year on the SAT's and students with more than four years of study in the arts scored 7 points higher than those with less! They also learn about teamwork, cooperation, self-expression, discipline, concentration, and personal achievement while enjoying the healthy, positive activity of music with friends.

What instruments are taught?

In band the instruments are: flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, alto sax, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. In orchestra the instruments are: violin, viola, cello, and string bass.

Choosing an instrument.

Even if your child is considering orchestra or band now **DO NOT get an instrument yet!** We will begin evaluating each student's physical characteristics for instrument selection in the first week of school. Your child will bring home a letter with his/her instrument assignment and equipment list. After instrument assignments students must obtain the chosen instrument and equipment by the due date in order to continue in our program.

We are excited about the opportunities we are able to present to your child and hope you are too! If you have any questions feel free to email one of us. We look forward to meeting your child!

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