



**Band
Choir
Orchestra**



6th Grade Music Information Packet



Heritage Middle School Music

Dear 5th grade learners and families,

Welcome to the Heritage Middle School Music Department! We are so excited to meet you all soon. Middle school is an exciting time for learners and families. As learners move into middle school, there are many exciting new activities to explore. One of those activities is music! All 5th grade learners will choose a music class to participate in at Heritage Middle School. Those music options are band, choir, and orchestra. Please complete the following items to best prepare your learner for middle school music:

1. Read through this packet to learn more information about each option and be sure to check out the links provided for even more information.
2. If learners are interested in learning an instrument, please attend one of the Instrument Fitting Nights. Also, learners who want to be in choir are encouraged to attend Instrument Fitting Night because they can play an instrument AND be in choir!
3. All learners' families should complete the Heritage Middle School Music Interest Form after making a music selection. To fill out the form, please scan this QR code:

If you have any questions, please contact anyone in the music department.
We are happy to help and eager to meet our new learners!

Sincerely,

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Instrumental Music Choices!



In 6th grade, learners have the opportunity to play an instrument!

There are many options of instruments for your student to play!

Learners can choose a band instrument or an orchestra instrument:



Band Choices:

Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
French Horn

Trombone
Baritone
Tuba
*Percussion

*(2 years of piano lessons and an audition required)

Orchestra Choices:

Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

Here are a couple of things to know about the Heritage Middle School band and orchestra programs:

- Classes meet every other day throughout the entire school year, and classes are grouped by same instruments.
- Learners will need to rent an instrument. If you have an instrument already, please take it to one of the music stores to make sure it is in good condition. *We discourage buying instruments online.* If you cannot afford to rent an instrument, please talk to Miss Dullum or Mrs. Ruef ASAP. Heritage Middle School has a limited number of school instruments available.
- Larger instruments (like the french horn, baritone, tuba, and bass) are school-owned instruments that are available to rent through the school.
- *Playing an instrument is a ton of fun!*

Instrument Fitting Night

We strongly encourage you to attend the Instrument Fitting Night at Heritage Middle School. Instrument fittings will begin with a brief presentation in the auditorium and then continue in the music department to try instruments. Instrument Fitting Night will be held on Tuesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 26th. Please try to come at the following times; if your allotted time slot doesn't work, email us and we can accommodate one of the other time slots.

Tuesday, January 24th:

- Last names A-G, please attend with your learner from 4:30-5:30pm
- Last names H-O, please attend with your learner from 5:30-6:30pm
- Last names P-Z, please attend with your learner from 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday, January 26th:

- Last names P-Z, please attend with your learner from 4:30-5:30pm
- Last names A-G, please attend with your learner from 5:30-6:30pm
- Last names H-O, please attend with your learner from 6:30-7:30pm

**If you are unable to make this time, please email and we will make arrangements to accommodate you.*

We look forward to meeting you!

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Choir

If you like to sing, then Choir is the music class for you!

Choir classes meet every other day for the entire school year and work on improving our singing voices. Learners practice breathing exercises, vocal warm-ups, pitch-matching, and sight-singing. In addition, learners practice singing in harmony through rounds, two-part and three-part pieces.

6th grade learners that are in Band or Orchestra can also take choir during Hawk Time. This is a great opportunity for instrumentalists to grow their musicianship skills!

Mr. Jacob Dixon directs the Choirs at Heritage and looks forward to meeting you and having fun in Choir!



Band Instrument Choices



Scan this QR code for instrument demonstrations, student feedback, parent testimonials, and more band fun!

Flute



Trumpet



Clarinet



French Horn



Trombone



Saxophone



Percussion



Baritone



Tuba



Orchestra Instrument Choices

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

THE STRING FAMILY



Orchestra Fun Fact

The violin, viola, cello, and bass all come in different or partial sizes. This means that there are no limitations on what instrument to choose – we'll find one that matches each learners' size!

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