




Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Welcome to the instrumental music program! I am pleased your child has expressed an interest in playing a band or string instrument. I strongly recommend your child's participation in the instrumental music program, as it opens the door to a lifetime of musical enrichment and appreciation for many kinds of music.

Lessons will be offered on the following instruments:

VIOLIN =	
CELLO =	
FLUTE =	
CLARINET =	

SAXOPHONE =	
TRUMPET =	
FRENCH HORN =	
TROMBONE =	

BARITONE =	
TUBA =	
PERCUSSION =	

Many of the instruments listed are available for use from the school. However, I encourage students to rent or purchase their instrument from one of the music stores listed below. The pride and commitment of owning an instrument will greatly increase the chances of success for your child in music.

Gottschalk Music	328 Pollasky Ave.	298-4400
American Music	Ashlan & Fresno St.	221-0233
The Horn Shop	Ashlan & Golden St. FWY	276-2247
Harvard House	Escalon & Blackstone	432-9071
Patrick's Music	Barstow & First	224-7287

Please read through the **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY** section so that both you and your child know what will be expected of them in the music program. **Return the MUSIC CONTRACT signed by both parent and child as soon as possible.** Please feel free to call me at school if you have any questions about the instrumental music program. *Instrument hand-out starts the 1st week of school for 6th graders and the 2nd week of school for 5th graders.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Instrumental Music Class Schedule

Each student in the instrumental music program will have a practice rehearsal at school during the following days and times. **Please save this paper and add it to your child's schedule.** Instrumental music students will receive two 30-45 minute lessons per week. No before or after school time is involved except for home practice and a couple concerts.

Monday @ Red Bank	Tuesday @ Sierra Vista	Wednesday @ Red Bank	Thursday @ Sierra Vista	Friday @ Red Bank
10:00 - 5th Grade Strings	10:30 - 6th Grade Strings	7:30 - 5th Grade Percussion	10:30 - 6th Grade Band	9:00 - Ford Band
10:30 - Recess	11:05 - 6th Grade Band	8:15 - 6th Grade Band	11:05 - 6th Grade Strings	9:30 - McDougall/Baroni Band
10:45 - McDougall/Baroni Band	11:40 - Lunch	9:00 - 6th Grade Strings	11:40 - Lunch	10:00 - 5th Grade Strings
11:15 - Ford Band	12:50 - 5th Grade Strings		12:50 - 5th Grade Band	10:30 - Recess
	1:30 - 5th Grade Band	Wednesday @ Clovis Elem.	1:30 - 5th Grade Strings	10:45 - 6th Grade Strings
Monday @ Clovis Elem.		11:15 - 5th Grade Band		11:30 - 6th Grade Band
1:30 - 5th Grade Band		12:00 - 6th Grade Band		12:15 - Lunch
2:15 - 6th Grade Band		12:45 - Lunch		



Instrumental Music Student Responsibilities

Please read over the following responsibilities of instrumental music students with your child. We hope that you will become actively involved by supporting and encouraging your child to learn to play a musical instrument. Please sign and return the MUSIC CONTRACT to the school.

1. Students are expected to participate in the instrumental music program for the entire school year.
2. Students are expected to practice their instruments at home weekly.
3. Students are expected to bring their instruments and book to school on days when music classes are scheduled, and are to report to band or orchestra without being reminded by the teacher.
4. Students are required to attend all scheduled music programs or concerts unless he or she is ill. Failure to attend the instrumental (and choir concert if a member) will result in a grade drop and non-participation in the end-of-year party/event.
5. Students are responsible for taking care of their instruments and for having all necessary supplies – (reeds, rosin, valve oil, etc...)
6. Students understand that they will receive an effort grade for band or orchestra that will reflect their homework, performance and concert attendance.

Instrumental Music Grading Policy

Each student in the instrumental music program will receive an effort grade on his/her quarterly report card. The grade will reflect their effort in two or three categories. The three categories are Homework, Testing, and Concert attendance.

The following chart shows how the student will earn their grade during each quarter of school.

Quarter 1 (1 st 9 Weeks)	Quarter 2 (2 nd 9 Weeks)	Quarter 3 (3 rd 9 Weeks)	Quarter 4 (4 th 9 Weeks)
1 Homework Sheet Due	1 Homework Sheet Due	1 Homework Sheet Due	1 Homework Sheet Due
Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Test #4
	Winter Concert		Spring Concert

HOMEWORK - Each quarter a student must turn in one homework/practice sheet. You are required to sign off that your child has practiced their instrument at home at least 3 times during this quarter. Students are allowed to turn in more than one sheet per quarter for a special reward, but still must turn in one sheet every nine weeks of school.

TEST - Each student will also be tested in class on various pieces of music every quarter. Ask them if they are prepared.

CONCERT - Each student will be given credit for attending the Winter and Spring concerts. These are mandatory so be on the look-out for dates to these events. (6th grade students also have a 3rd concert that is NOT counted for grades, but is still mandatory. This is the AREA concert that usually takes place at the end of January.)

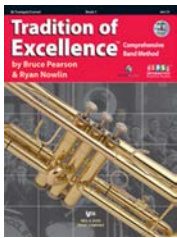
The report card will have a listing of my name below the regular teacher's name. Then it will have one of three EFFORT grades listed next to the music subject.

O = Outstanding

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

A chart is on the wall in the music room showing each students progress in fulfilling their grades. The student can always look to see what they have completed or need to complete. If you have any questions on the grading process, please contact me.



Instrumental Music Music Supplies

The recommended book we use is: Tradition of Excellence (Book 1). Make sure the *correct instrument name* is listed at the top of the book. The following are recommended supplies for each instrument:

BARITONE/TUBA

CLARINET

FLUTE

FRENCH HORN

PERCUSSION

SAXOPHONE

STRINGS

TROMBONE

TRUMPET

AL CASS or FAT CAT valve oil, tuning slide grease

One box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, cork grease, weighted cloth

Small soft cloth

Soft cloth, rotor oil, tuning slide grease

Size 2B snare sticks

One box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, neck strap, cork grease

Soft cloth, KAFKO rosin, RESONANS shoulder rest

TROMBONTINE slide cream, small spray bottle

AL CASS or FAT CAT valve oil, tuning slide grease

A folding music stand for home practice is suggested but not required. Listed previously are some area music stores that rent instruments and sell books and supplies. I would suggest phoning these stores to be sure the items you need are in stock. **MOST STORES ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS!**



***CLOVIS HIGH AREA
BAND & STRINGS
BACK-TO-SCHOOL MUSIC NIGHT***

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014

Clovis High School Cafeteria 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Come meet Mr. Cymanski.

Music Stores will have books and supplies on hand.

Musical Performances and Prizes.