



Sullivan Band and Orchestra

Fall 2020



Dear 4th and 5th Grade Band and Orchestra Parents,

We are excited to start the 2020-2021 school year! As we have planned for remote instruction, we have made some adjustments to our programs to align with recommendations from the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), as well as with surrounding districts. The programmatic changes are different for each grade level. If you have any questions about the Band or Orchestra Programs, please contact Mr. Anderson (Band Director) or Mr. Boyer (Orchestra Director).

4th Grade

In response to remote instruction, the decision has been made to postpone in-person 4th Grade Recruitment for Band and Orchestra until October. At the end of September, we will reevaluate the current situation and determine the next steps accordingly. We want students to have a fun, positive, and successful experience with these programs which is why an in-person setting is the most effective to start beginners learning either a Band or Orchestra instrument hands-on. However, we are still exploring alternative activities for students interested in Band/Orchestra to engage and prepare students for beginning instruction when the time is appropriate. If your child is interested in Band or Orchestra, please view the band and orchestra recruitment videos with them, and complete the following online form to receive more information from the directors.

4th Grade Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/nfKXnTLRf3Xcz2mt7>

[4th Grade Orchestra Video](#)

[4th Grade Band Video](#)

5th Grade

In response to remote instruction, the decision has been made for students to attend virtual rehearsals on Google Meet outside of the school day. Orchestra students will be assigned a day to meet with Mr. Boyer from 3:00-3:30. Band students will be assigned a day to meet with Mr. Anderson between 2:45-4:15 (30-minute lessons). Mr. Boyer and Mr. Anderson will reach out with specific times for lessons and can answer any questions you may have. Lessons are tentatively scheduled for beginning the week of Monday, August 31st. There will be no early band or orchestra rehearsals at this time.

We look forward to working with students and families in a virtual setting until we can be back in the school building. Please contact us if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

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