

Welcome to Mayberry!

Allow us to be among those who welcome you to Mayberry Cultural Fine Arts Magnet Middle School!

Of course, as the instrumental music teachers, we believe every student should have the opportunity to be in either band or orchestra. We invite each and every incoming 6th grader to join!

In this packet, you will receive information on band and information on orchestra. You will have a chance to read about both groups. The instrument you choose and the experiences you will have while in instrumental music are rewarding, fun, and challenging. It is a place for each student to learn more about themselves and the world around them.

Whether you choose band or orchestra, take pride in your choice. Know that the experiences ahead of you will be lifelong memories.

Musically yours,

Jayne Hayes and Carla Chapman

Why join Band and Orchestra?

- They are fun, challenging, and rewarding classes.
- You will make long lasting friendships that will last a lifetime.
- Music helps to calm the mind and relieves stress.
- You will play numerous types of music from rock, jazz, classical, hip-hop, etc. Why not learn the music you enjoy listening to on your phone and be exposed to so much more!
- You will learn skills that will help you in all of your classes and throughout life.
- You don't have to have "talent" to play, you just need desire and a goal!
- Music is a new language, and one that you will share with everyone, around the world.
- Music strengthens your right and left brains. Research has shown that music is the *only* activity that uses the entire brain.
- You will learn about patience and discipline.
- Music is a foreign language and one that you will be able to use throughout your life.
- You will learn about different cultures through music

Band

- These instruments are available for beginners to rent through the district rental program for the first year.
 - Flute
 - Clarinet
 - Trumpet
 - Trombone
 - Euphonium/Baritone (can be rented for more than a year)
 - Tuba (can be rented for more than a year)
- Alto saxophones are not available to rent through the district but are a part of beginning band.
- Percussion
 - Students must complete and pass an audition with the band staff. More information attached.
- Even though the district offers this rental program, owning your own instrument is always encouraged.
- Information on instrument purchase is included in this packet. Of course, owning your own instrument is strongly suggested for many reasons, but we understand if this is not possible the first year.

Orchestra

- These instruments are available for beginners and are available through the districts rental program.
 - Violin (first year only)
 - Viola
 - Cello
 - Bass
- Even though the district offers this rental program, owning your own instrument is always encouraged.

What instrument should I play?

This is a decision that has a lot of factors. The first, and most important, is that you like how your instrument sounds. Second, you understand what it takes physically to play the instrument. For instance, if you do not like anything in your mouth, do not play clarinet or saxophone as the mouthpiece and reed go into your mouth. If you do not want to carry a heavy instrument home every week, do not choose Tuba, Euphonium, Cello, or Bass. If you love the sound of classical music, make sure you pick a string instrument.

Please go to the youtube channel below. It has a lot of videos for each instrument which will help you make your decision. Anyone can play anything they set their mind to! When Mrs. Hayes was 10, she was very short, but wanted to play the tuba. She was unable to reach the mouthpiece, but was determined and has been playing it for 25 years. DETERMINATION and DESIRE!

On Thursday, August 8th, from 6:00-8:00pm, in the band/orchestra room, we will have our instrument fitting night. At this time, you will have the chance to try out instruments, fill out rental paperwork, meet Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Chapman, and start your orchestra or band journey! Snacks and refreshments will be available, after you make your instrument decision!

Scan this QR code to access a youtube playlist with numerous videos about the instruments of the band and orchestra. There will also be a video introducing the instrumental music program at Mayberry and what our amazing program has to offer.

