

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC & CHOIR

2017-2018 School Year

Instrumental Music - Band, Guitar, Keyboarding or Strings

Offered for Hickman Charter students in grades 4 through 8. Class descriptions and reminders regarding registration procedures (see page 35) are included in this packet.

Children's Chorus

Offered for students in grades K through 8. This program is offered off-campus at the Hughson High School Theater located at 7419 E. Whitmore Avenue in Hughson. Children's Chorus classes start the first week of October. A description of curriculum, registration instructions, and a list of Children's Chorus activities throughout the year are included in this packet.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Concert Band, Jazz Band & Guitar

- **Tuesday Music Classes** are held in Modesto at Hart-Ransom School – 3930 Shoemake Ave. The Band Room is next to the new cafeteria building. Look for signs the first week of school.
- **Thursday Music Classes** are held in Hickman at Hickman Charter School – 13306 4th St. The Band Room is Room 84 (located on the east side of campus, behind the Multipurpose Building).

You are welcome to attend either location. The same material is covered each week. As we approach our concert dates, students must rehearse together as one ensemble two weeks prior to each band concert. Also known as “double” weeks, i.e. Tuesday AND Thursday lessons.

All levels of Recorders, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Guitar are taught by Mrs. George. For more information you can contact Mrs. George by phone at 874-9070 ext. 284, or by email at: cgeorge@hickmanschools.org.

Band begins August 24th, 2017

Band Schedule:

Weeks 1-6 of Instruction

Recorders 9-9:30am
Beginning Percussion 9:30-10am
Beginning Woodwinds 10-10:30am
Beginning Brass 10:30-11am
Intermediate Band 11:45am-12:40pm
Advanced Band 12:45-1:40pm
Unity Jazz Band 1:40-2:15pm

Week 7 Through Remaining School Year

Recorders 9:30-10am
Beginning Band 10-10:40am
All instruments meet together!
Intermediate Band 11:45-12:40pm
Advanced Band 12:45-1:40pm
Unity Jazz Band 1:45-2:10pm

Recorders - 3rd/4th Grade

Recorders Tuesday OR Thursday, 9:00 - 9:30 am (time changes at week 7)

The recorder is a wind instrument that sounds similar to the flute. The recorder is used as a pre-band instrument to introduce students to music notation, reading and performance. Students will be taught proper sound production, notes and fingerings, ensemble playing and performance preparation. **This is a group participation. Concerts are a required part of the class. Students must provide their own soprano recorder.** Part of the curriculum will be provided through the Carnegie Hall Weill Music Institute “Link Up” series. Student may be eligible to participate in a concert with the Modesto Symphony in the spring of 2018.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (*continued*)

Beginning Band Sections - 4th/5th Grade and above

Beginning Band – Percussion

Tuesday OR Thursday, 9:30-10:00 am (time change at week 7)

Not only will the student be learning the primary instrument of the snare drum but also other percussion instruments like the bass drum, cymbals, tambourine, triangle, and woodblock to be a well-rounded percussion student. Students will be introduced to proper playing techniques, note reading, percussion rudiments, rhythm, music theory, ensemble playing and performance practice.

Concerts are a required part of this class.

Beginning Band – Woodwinds

Tuesday OR Thursday 10:00 - 10:30 am (time change at week 7)

A woodwind instrument is one of the following: flute, oboe, clarinet or saxophone. Students will be introduced to proper sound production, breath support, notes and fingerings, rhythm, music theory, ensemble playing and performance practice.

Concerts are a required part of this class.

Beginning Band -Brass

Tuesday OR Thursday, 10:30 - 11:00 am (time change at week 7)

A brass instrument is one of the following: cornet, trumpet, french horn, trombone or baritone. Students will be introduced to proper sound production, breath support, notes and fingerings, rhythm, music theory, ensemble playing and performance practice.

Concerts are a required part of this class.

Please Note:

Beginning week 7 (the week of October 5th, 2017), all students in the Beginning Band sections will come together to learn as an ensemble group. The time for Beginning Band will be from 10-10:40am for the remainder of the year.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (*continued*)

Intermediate Band – *For 2nd year Band students with instructor approval*

Tuesday OR Thursday 11:45 am - 12:40 pm

There are **three** prerequisites for Intermediate Band:

1. Having one or more years of experience on your instrument,
2. Being committed to attend band rehearsal **each week**, and
3. A playing review/audition in the first two weeks of instruction.

Students will continue to learn new notes and fingerings, rhythms, and music theory, as well as reviewing proper sound production, ensemble playing and performance practice.

Concerts are a required part of this class.

For students in grades 5-8 or by permission of the teacher.

Advanced Band - *For students in grades 6-8 with 3 years of band experience or more, or by permission of the teacher.*

Tuesday OR Thursday 12:45 – 1:40 pm

There are **three** prerequisites for Charter Advanced Band:

1. Having three or more years of experience on your instrument,
2. Being committed to attend every band rehearsal **each week**, and
3. A playing review/audition in the first two weeks of instruction.

Students will continue to learn new notes and fingerings, rhythms, and music theory, as well as reviewing proper sound production, ensemble playing and performance practice. Advanced Band is the advanced ensemble in charter school. All students are expected to learn their music to performance level quality.

Concerts are a required part of this class.

****Students in advanced band will have the opportunity to participate in the Stanislaus County Honor Band. Audition music and schedule will be available in October.****

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Unity Jazz Band - for 3rd year+ band students in grades 6-8 - by audition only

Tuesday or Thursday, 1:40 – 2:10 pm (TH rehearsals w/HMS members)

There are **four** prerequisites for Jazz Band:

1. Having three or more years of experience on your instrument,
2. Being enrolled concurrently in advanced band*
3. Being committed to home practice as well as attending each and every Unity Jazz ensemble rehearsal/sectional
4. Playing audition within the first two weeks of instruction.

“Unity Jazz Band” combines advanced students from both the Hickman Charter campus and home school sections. Students will learn the elements and performance styles of various styles of jazz music as well as how to improvise for solos. Students will continue to learn new notes and fingerings, rhythms, and music theory as it applies to jazz music, as well as reviewing proper sound production, ensemble playing and performance practice.

Concerts are a required part of this class.

** Rhythm section members exception i.e. guitar, bass guitar and keyboard.*

Band Concert Dates for the Year:

Winter Concert: Thursday, December 12th, 2017 – from 6:30-7:15pm Hickman Gym

Spring Concert: Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 – from 6:30-7:30pm Hickman Gym

Hickman Charter Graduation: May 23rd, 2018 at 6:30pm

Campus Graduation: May 24th, 2018 at 7:00pm (TBD)

Beginning or Intermediate Guitar

For students in grades 6-8 or by permission of the teacher

Wednesdays, September 6th, 2017-March 28th, 2018

There are two levels of Guitar class offered on campus:

- **Beginning Guitar** from 9:30am-10:10 am
- **Intermediate Guitar** from 10:15 am - 10:55 am

Beginning guitar students need to bring an acoustic guitar, a 3-ring binder for handouts, and a pencil. A case is recommended for your guitar. In our first year we learn many of the basic chords, note reading, strumming patterns, and music notation.

Intermediate guitar is for students who have completed the Beginning Guitar class, and/or 1-2 years of playing experience. **Concerts are a required part of both levels of this course.**

Guitar concert dates are December 6th, 2017 and March 28th, 2018.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (*continued*)

Piano Keyboarding Lab - For students in 4th– 8th grade.

Meets on Wednesdays, beginning September 7th, 2017.

Hickman Charter Campus, Rm 83; Classes are 40 minutes and start every hour on the hour.

Teacher: Kim Stephens

Each 40-minute class uses electronic keyboards and focuses on learning and application of musical concepts. Students as young as 4th grade will eventually be able to read music in both clefs, understand rhythm and meter, and experience expression and articulation of all kinds of music.

Our Keyboarding classes now offer an online piano course taught by the “Mr. Rogers of Piano,” Mr. Hoffman. Kids love his creativity and humor, and parents appreciate his clarity and step-by-step style! Every two weeks, during the final minutes of class, students who use the Hoffman Academy have the option to participate in a mini-recital to share the music pieces they have been working on. Parents are invited to come in and listen as their children perform.

- 9:00-9:40am: **Advanced Keyboarding**
- 10:00-10:40am: **Beginning Keyboarding**
- 11:00-11:40am: **Intermediate Keyboarding** (students taking second year of keyboarding)

** If you were in the Advanced class last year (2016-17) stay in that time slot as the Advanced class.*

** If you were in the Intermediate class remain in the intermediate time slot.*

**If you are new to music please join us in the Beginning class.*

**The Advanced and intermediate classes will resume their music studies where we left off. If your child was doing well in the Beginning Keyboarding class and thinks he can connect with the intermediate class please join that time slot. It does not hurt to repeat the Beginning Keyboarding class and we do move at a rapid pace.*

Strings/Violin

Meets on Wednesdays, beginning September 7th, 2017.

Teacher: Marta Guevarra

Weekly lessons are offered in a small group setting in Room 82 on the Hickman Charter Campus for violin, viola and cello. Lessons emphasize proper technique, tone, note reading, basic music theory, and ensemble playing. Students need to have their own instrument. Beginners can meet with the teacher at the first lesson to find out the appropriately sized instrument. Music will be provided. **There will be one concert each semester.**

Winter Concert: Monday, December 19th, 2017 from 6:00-8:00pm

Spring Concert: TBA

The schedule listed below is tentative based on enrollment. Classes may need to be adjusted in order to accommodate numbers. Placement will be determined by the teacher. You will be notified of any time changes. (*Contact instructor Marta Guevarra by email at: mqbluenote@hotmail.com*)

- 9:00 am: Beginning
- 10:00 am: Intermediate
- 11:00 am: Advanced
- 12:00 noon: Tutoring

CHILDREN'S CHORUS, KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE

Hughson Union High School Theatre, 7419 East Whitmore Avenue, Hughson, CA 95326

Chorus begins October 3rd, 4th, or 5th depending on which day you choose to attend.

Please note: Children's Chorus is a year-long class.

Children's Chorus resumes after winter break on January 9th, 10th, or 11th.

Students will learn to read and write music; express themselves through song, drama, and dance; have a great time performing, sharing, serving and socializing with others; and develop greater self-confidence.

Hickman Charter School is committed to providing your child one of the finest music education experiences in the state. Since we meet only once each week, each child will be provided with a practice CD and workbook, and music to practice at home. They will practice singing and learning at home. When your child has finished all eight levels of music workbooks at Hickman, they will be leaving with a music education on the level of a second year college music student. They are going to sound wonderful!

There is not a class size limit for choir, so when you register for Children's Chorus, you are enrolled. However, you must complete the registration procedures in order to attend class.

**Please register for Chorus by September 27th
(Late registrations will be accepted, but early is appreciated!)**

**First days of Hickman Choir Classes are October 3-5
Honor Choir begins on October 4 (Wednesday)**

Children's Chorus Schedule

Class	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Kindergartners	12:35 - 1:05 pm	12:35 - 1:05 pm	12:35 - 1:05 pm
1 st - 2 nd grade	1:05 - 1:45 pm	1:05 - 1:45 pm	1:05 - 1:45 pm
3 rd - 8 th grade		1:50 - 2:30 pm	1:50 - 2:30 pm
*Honor Choir		2:35 - 3:35 pm	

Honor Choir - Important Info

- **Only students who have been in choir for at least one year and have successfully passed Level 1 and 1.5 of the "Excellence in Music" course are eligible to be in Honor Choir.**
- New students from other schools who have the music theory background to Level 1.5 may audition for Honor Choir by calling Mr. Thompson and arranging a time (209) 247-9843.
- Honor Choir will start earlier in the school year than the rest of the Children's Chorus classes.

IMPORTANT CHOIR DATES – PERFORMANCES & SPECIAL REHEARSALS

November 20, 2017 (Monday) – *Honor Choir Extra Rehearsal during Thanksgiving Break*

While there are no regular classes during Thanksgiving week, **Honor Choir** will be meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017 from **10 AM – 12 PM**. (Audition materials for *My Son, Pinocchio* will be distributed at this time.)

November 28, 2017 (Tuesday) – *Honor Choir Dress Rehearsal & Winter Concert*

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Dress Rehearsal

7:00 PM Winter Concert

November 29, 2017 (Wednesday) – *Honor Choir My Son, Pinocchio auditions*

Those participating in *My Son, Pinocchio* will be rehearsing **December 6 & 13, and January 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, and 18.**

December 6 (Wednesday) 12:35 – 3:30 PM Rehearsal

December 13 (Wednesday) 12:35-3:30 PM Rehearsal

January 4 (Thursday) 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Rehearsal

January 5 (Friday) 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Rehearsal

January 9 (Tuesday) Hickman Choir Classes Resume Normal Schedule

January 11 (Thursday) 12:35 – 2:35 PM Rehearsal

January 12 (Friday) 12:35 – 3:15 PM Rehearsal

Week of January 9-11, 2018 – *All Hickman Choir Classes Resume Normal Schedule*

January 17, 2018 – All HCS Choirs Performance at Covenant Village, Turlock – 1:00-2:00PM

2:30 – 4:00 PM Rehearsal

January 18, 2018 – *Honor Choir Dress Rehearsals & Performances of My Son, Pinocchio*

12:35 – 3:00 PM DRESS REHEARSAL

January 19, 2018 – *Honor Choir Dress Rehearsals & Performances of My Son, Pinocchio*

10:00 AM – Performance/Dress Rehearsal for schools

11:45 AM – Performance for Kindergarteners

6:00 PM – Performance

7:30 PM – Performance

January 20, 2018 (Saturday) 11:00 AM – Performance of *My Son, Pinocchio*

February 9, 2018 – *Honor Choir Rehearsal for Disneyland, 12:35 – 2:35 PM*

February 15-18, 2018 – *California State Honor Choir in San Jose (CASMEC) – All Day*

March 2, 2018 – *Honor Choir Rehearsal for Disneyland, 12:35 – 2:35 PM*

March 20, 2018 – *Dress Rehearsals & Spring Concert (All Choirs)*

11:35 – 2:35 PM – Dress rehearsal for all Hickman Choirs

7:00 PM – Hickman Choir Spring Concert

March 23, 2018 – *Honor Choir Performs at Disneyland (times given in early March, 2018)*

March 28, 2018 – *Honor Choir Rehearsal for CMEA Festival, 12:35 – 2:35 PM*

May 7 & 14, 2018 – *Honor Choir Auditions for Musical*

May 7 (Monday) 12:35 – 2:00 PM

May 14 (Monday) 12:35 – 2:35 PM

May 23, 2018 – *Honor Choir Performs at HCS Graduation (Call Time 5:30 PM, Graduation at 6:30 PM)*

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR ALL MUSIC OFFERINGS

Preferred way:

Visit our website hcs.hickmanschools.org

1. Hover over the heading that says “Parent Resources” - a drop-down menu with various options will appear.
2. Click on “Registration Links” and follow the registration instructions accordingly.

Registration procedure for those without Internet access:

If you do not have access to the Internet, contact your Education Coordinator or the Charter Office to register.

