

Orchestra Ensembles, String Method & Ukulele Classes

Please see the Class Schedule for class days/times

Ensembles:

Junior Orchestra - Mr. James Hein, Director

This performing ensemble is perfect for students with 1-2 years of playing experience. A wonderful opportunity for the first time orchestra player & no experience is necessary. Fun and exciting repertoire is explored and used to introduce orchestral protocol and technique - a must for the new player. Performance at the Summer Music Concert.

Senior Orchestra - Mr. Phil Gelfer, Director

This performing ensemble is designed for students with at least 2 or more years playing experience and/or NYSSMA level 3. Popular and classical music will be explored and students will have the opportunity to sharpen their skills in this challenging and more advanced orchestra setting. Performance at the Summer Music Concert

Chamber Orchestra - Mr. Phil Gelfer, Director

This challenging performing ensemble is for the advanced string student playing at least NYSSMA level 4 and higher. This experience is for the serious student playing at the high school level. Advanced literature will be studied and performed. Performance at the Summer Music Concert.

Rock Orchestra - Mr. Phil Gelfer, Director

Come jam out to classic rock tunes by Led Zeplin, Journey, Kansas, Mark Wood and more! Open to ALL string players NYSSMA level 3 and above. (percussion, guitar, mandolin, bass etc. welcome)

Super Switcher

Have you always wanted to try a new/different string instrument?

This class offers the older string student the opportunity to try a new instrument. Students should have at least three years of playing experience on their primary instrument or have completed NYSSMA level 3.

Beginning String Courses:

**** Courses are designed for the student who has NEVER played before - please bring your instrument***

Jumpstart Suzuki Violin (K-3) - Mr. Phil Gelfer, Director

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning violinist in Kindergarten - 3rd grade. Beginners are students who have never played a string instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school string program. Strong emphasis on proper technique-Suzuki style training.

Beginning Violin, Viola, Cello or Bass:

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning string player entering the 4th grade. Beginners are students who have never played a string instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school string program.

Instrumental Intermediate Methods Courses:

Violin / Viola or Cello / Bass - Grade 5-6

This course is a group lesson experience for the string player with at least 1-3 years of experience. Instruction will continue with technique and ensemble literature, as well as duets, popular tunes and scales. A must for the continuing string student.

Methods Courses:

Jr. String Methods: Violin/Viola or Cello/Bass

This technique-based course is a group lesson experience for the string player with at least 1-2 years of experience. Lesson instruction will continue with note reading, identification and performance. *Sectional work focused on orchestra literature will be studied.*

Sr. String Methods: Violin/Viola OR Cello/Bass This course is a group lesson experience for the string player with at least 3 or more years of experience. Instruction will continue with advanced solo & technique literature, as well as duets, popular tunes and advanced scales. A must for the serious string student. *Sectional work focused on orchestra literature will be studied.*

Fiddling Courses: Mr. Matthew Gelfer, Director

Bluegrass & Irish JAM BAND - Grades 6 & Up

*** Guitar, Mandolin, Flute, Banjo, Violin, Viola, Cello & Bass - All string & band students welcome ***

Fiddle tunes are not just for the violin! This course is designed to give all string students and guitarists the opportunity to experience fiddling. Students should have at least 3 years experience on their instrument. Folk tunes with double stops as well as jigs, reels and polkas will be studied. A fun and exciting way to expand your string instrument horizons! Performance at the Summer Music Concert

Junior Fiddle Club - Grades 4-6

**** Violin, Viola, Cello & Bass**

This course is designed to give younger string students the opportunity to experience fiddling. Students should have at least 1-2 years experience on their instrument. Folk tunes, jigs, reels and polkas will be studied. A fun and exciting way to expand your string instrument horizons!

Ukulele Courses: Mr. Matthew Gelfer, Director

Ukulele First Timers - This fun and exciting beginning course is designed to introduce students to the basics and beyond of Ukulele technique. This Hawaiian style instrument is similar to the guitar but much smaller and more accessible to the young musician. Students will learn basic chords, strumming technique and reading Uke tab as well as experiment with the ever popular Kazoo! Join the fastest growing folk instrument in the world & learn to play the Ukulele.

Fee: 170.00 (Includes a new Ukulele & Case)

Fee: 125.00 (if you already own a Ukulele)

Ukulele - This fun and exciting course is designed to build upon basics and beyond of Ukulele technique for students who have 1-2 years experience. This Hawaiian style instrument is similar to the guitar but much smaller and more accessible to the young musician. Students will learn basic chords, strumming technique and reading Uke tab as well as experiment with the ever popular Kazoo! Join the fastest growing folk instrument in the world & learn to play the Ukulele.

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Band Ensembles & Method Classes

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Ensembles:

Junior Pops Band - Ms. Ashley Ockner

This ensemble is designed for students with 1-3 years of playing experience. Students will play and utilize a variety of popular tunes as well as jazz and rock idioms. A great fun performance experience for the beginning band student & no experience is necessary. **Performance at the Summer Music Concert.**

Senior Jazz Band - Mr. Mark Portugal, Director

This ensemble is designed for students with 3 or more years of playing experience. A wide range of jazz and rock music is covered. Students will explore improvising, soloing and playing out of the blues scales. All instruments are welcome including piano, bass, guitar, and drum set. No jazz experience necessary. **Performance at the Summer Music Concert.**

Wind Ensemble - Mr. Dan Hayes, Director

Open to all Wind, Brass and Percussion students who have three or more years experience and are currently at NYSSMA level 3 or higher. Advanced Wind Ensemble literature will be explored. A challenging experience for the serious band student. **Performance at the Summer Music Concert.**

Brass Choir/Woodwind Choir - Grades 6 & UP

This course focuses on the development of ensemble skills and brass pedagogy through rehearsal and performance of brass/woodwind ensemble literature. The ensemble skills include individualism, group participation, intonation, style, leadership and communication.

Beginning Band Courses:

**** Courses are designed for the student who has NEVER played before - please bring your instrument***

Beginning Alto/Tenor Saxophone

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning Alto/Tenor Saxophone player entering 4th grade. Beginners are students who have never played a band instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school Band program.

Beginning Clarinet

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning Clarinet player entering the 4th grade. Beginners are students who have never played a band instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school Band program.

Beginning Flute/Oboe

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning Flute/Oboe player entering the 4th grade. Beginners are students who have never played a band instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school Band program.

Beginning Low Brass (Trombone, Baritone & Tuba)

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning Trombone, Baritone or Tuba player entering the 4th grade. Beginners are students who have never played a band instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school band program.

Beginning Trumpet/French Horn -

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning Trumpet/French Horn player entering the 4th grade. Beginners are students who have never played a band instrument and are either preparing for continued private instruction or introduction into the beginning school Band program.

Beginning Percussion:

Beginning percussion is a group lesson experience for the student who has never played percussion before. Perfect for those students who are entering the 4th grade in September and are interested in joining band. Snare drum and auxiliary percussion as well as mallet instruments will be explored. Practice pad is encouraged for home practice.

Band Methods Classes:

Junior Band Methods - Grades 5-6

Flute/Oboe

Clarinet/Saxophone

Trumpet/French Horn

Low Brass & Percussion (Low Brass - trombone, baritone, tuba)

These courses are a group lesson experience for the band student with **1-2 years of experience**. Lesson instruction will continue with note reading, identification and performance. Intermediate literature will be studied. Sectional work focused on band literature will be studied.

Senior Band Methods - Grades 7 & Up

Brass & Percussion

Woodwinds

These courses are a group lesson experience for the band student with **3 plus years of experience**. Lesson instruction will continue with advanced note reading, scales, note identification, improvisation techniques and performance. Sectional work focused on band literature will be studied.

Set Drumming Courses: Mr. Mark Portugal, Director

Introduction to Set Drumming

Introduction to Set Drumming is appropriate for students who have two years experience and want to learn the fundamentals of set playing. All students should have access to a practice set at home. Limit: Six students.

Advanced Set Drumming - Grades 7 & Up

This course is a group lesson experience for the band student with at least 3 years of experience. Students will learn Latin, swing, jazz & rock styles. Preferably the student will have a practice set at home and at least 2/3 years experience on snare drum. A must for the serious percussionist.



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are also open to Band Students! Please visit
the Orchestra Ensemble Page.**

Early Childhood, Guitar, Rock Band, Movement & Dance, Piano & Choir

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Guitar Courses: - Mr. Douglas Baldwin, Director

Beginning Guitar - Grades 3 - 6

This course is a group lesson experience for beginning guitarists who have never played guitar before. We'll look at all the basic skills of playing, from tuning and how to hold and finger the guitar properly to the playing of single notes, chords, melody reading, and basic musicianship.

***Guitars are available for those who haven't purchased one yet!**

Beginning Guitar - Grades 7 & UP

This course is a group lesson experience for older beginning guitarists who have never played guitar before. We'll address the basic skills of playing, from tuning and how to hold and finger the guitar properly to the playing of single notes, chords, melody reading, and basic musicianship.

***Guitars are available for those who haven't purchased one yet!**

Intermediate Guitar

Here are group lessons for the guitarist with some prior experience, including prior classes in our Summer Music Program. In addition to a deeper look at all the basic skills, students will work towards playing songs in class, with a deeper emphasis on music reading.

Bass Guitar

The foundation of popular music begins with the bass guitar. This group class will focus on the unique skills of the electric bass, including techniques, reading, and bass lines in popular songs. Some prior music experience (preferably on guitar or bass) is strongly suggested. Amplifiers are available!

Rock Band

Get your groove on in this exciting ensemble class! Drummers, guitarists, bassists, and keyboard players are invited to play together as we explore the basics of playing in a rock band. We'll focus on popular contemporary rock music while developing vital musical skills like reading, listening, and working together as a group.

*** Instruments are available!**

History of Popular Music

The most chill class imaginable! Explore the roots and branches of today's music through such contemporary performers as Kendrick Lamar, Lady Gaga, Metallica, Carrie Underwood and Green Day. How did they develop their styles? Who came before them? There will be plenty of videos, plenty of listening, and plenty of open-ended discussion about the music we hear around us and how it came to be.

Movement & Dance Courses: Ms. Laura Cooley, Director

World Music & Exploration- Movement, Song & Dance

Open to ALL students in Grades 3 - 6. No experience required—just a sense of creativity and adventure. This class focuses on learning through rhythm, music and movement & creative dance.

Piano Courses: - Mrs. Laura Cooley, Director

Beginning Piano - Grades K - 3

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning pianist in Kindergarten - 3rd grade. Beginners are students who have never played the piano and are preparing for continued personal or private instruction. Fundamentals of music theory, proper fingering technique and the introduction of popular music are just some of the concepts that will be covered.

Beginning Piano - Grades 4 - 6

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning pianist in 4th - 6th grade. Beginners are students who have never played the piano and are preparing for continued personal or private instruction. Fundamentals of music theory, proper fingering technique and the introduction of popular music are just some of the concepts that will be covered.

Beginning Piano - Grades 7 & UP

This course is a group lesson experience for the beginning pianist in 7th - 12th grade. Beginners are students who have never played the piano and are preparing for continued personal or private instruction. Fundamentals of music theory, proper fingering technique and the introduction of popular music are just some of the concepts that will be covered.

Intermediate Piano - Grades 4 - 6

This course is a group lesson experience for the pianist with at least 1 - 2 years of experience in grades 4 - 6. Lesson instruction will continue with note reading, note identification and performance. Intermediate and advanced theory concepts, fingering technique and repertoire will be studied.

Intermediate Piano - Grades 7 & UP

This course is a group lesson experience for the pianist with at least 1 - 2 years or more of experience grades 7 & up. Lesson instruction will continue with note reading, note identification and performance. Intermediate/advanced theory concepts, fingering technique and repertoire will be studied.

Early Childhood, Choir, Movement & Dance

Toddlers & Tunes - Music & Movement

Children 2 years & Up

Mrs. Laura Cooley, Director

Early childhood movement & music experience for young children & their parents/family. This class for children and their parents/family is designed to introduce movement by incorporating singing, musical instruments, and games, accompanied by live music. Full participation of the adult with the child supports bonding, modeling, language, and movement development through great fun and play.

2 or 4 Days a Week Available (Participate Monday - Thursday at a reduced rate of \$225.00)

Junior Chorus - Grades 4-7 - Mrs. Laura Cooley, Director

Summer music chorus is back! Were you born to sing and perform? If so, warm up your singing voice and get your jazz hands ready! Showtime singers will sing and dance to a variety of favorite songs from Broadway and hit movies including Wicked, Hairspray and of course Frozen! **Performance at the Summer Music Concert**

BAM IDOL Workshop- Grades 4-7 - Mrs. Laura Cooley, Director

This fun and engaging course is a karaoke style singing experience for the young vocalist with at least 1-2 years of experience who is interested in learning **pop music!** Lesson instruction will continue with strengthening vocal technique, sight reading, note identification, and performance. This class is designed to boost your confidence in a fun and exciting environment.



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