

CAMPOLINDO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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Dear Campolindo Musician:

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope your summer has been relaxing, reenergizing and productive. It is that time of the year for you to prepare for our work together in the fall.

Campolindo enjoys a long and distinguished tradition of musical excellence, supported by a school staff, administration and a community that values your artistic growth and achievement. Each year is a unique musical experience and the success of our ensembles is a direct correlation to the leadership, hard work, dedication and talent of the members of each group. Your participation in this program requires your commitment to do your personal best to achieve the artistic goals of the music and to be a productive member of the ensemble.

Please make sure that your instrument is in top working order. If needed take it to a reputable instrumental repair facility to assure that it is working correctly, **some** area shops include Best Instrument Repair, Oakland; Forrests (double Reeds) in Berkeley; Ifshins (Strings) Berkeley or Jack Gu at Moraga Strings Workshop (510) 725-5385. You will not need to bring your instrument to school on the first day. PLEASE NOTE: Jazz Band **WILL NOT** meet on the first day of school – First rehearsal, Thursday, August 25 7AM

You are responsible to prepare a short **audition** at the beginning of school to establish part and seating assignments. You should pick something age appropriate that you enjoy to play and that **demonstrates your musical strengths** (2-3 minutes), plus a chromatic scale (your range), and major scales. If you are new to the program and need to sign out an instrument, contact me as soon as possible to accommodate your needs.

We are looking to balance our instrumentation needs. Students interested in switching to Bassoon, Viola, Double Bass, Tuba and Trombone should contact me to see what we can work out. The Campolindo Music Boosters will provide private lesson support for students switching instruments and the school has instruments available for your use.

The **Back to School Barbeque** is a great time to catch up and meet new friends. The date is scheduled for Friday night, August 19 – check out our website (www.campomusic.org) for details.

All Instrumental Music parents are members of the **Campolindo Music Boosters**; this vibrant organization provides enrichment activities and resources for our program. Information on dues, donations and activities will be online for Cougar Days.

Thank you in advance for all of your efforts. Good luck and have a great year!

Sincerely,

Harvey Benstein