

Campolindo Instrumental Music

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Dear Campolindo Musician,

With most of the summer behind us, it is now time to get ready to begin a new school year. Great things await us this and it will be exciting!

Please make sure that your instrument is in top working order. If needed, take it to a reputable instrument repair facility. Some area shops for wind instruments include *Lamorinda Music* in Lafayette, *C & L Music* in Concord, and *A & G Music* in Oakland. *Forrests Music* in Berkeley specializes in double reeds. String shops in the area include *Ifshin Violins* in El Cerrito and *Jordan Music* in Concord. You **will not** need to bring your instrument on the first day of school. We will be taking care of “housekeeping” issues: roll/rosters, school-owned instruments, course documents, and the like. **Jazz Band will not meet on the first day of school:** the first rehearsal (and start of auditions) is Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 am.

Symphonic Band and Orchestra members, you are responsible for preparing an **audition** to take place during the first month of school. This audition will establish part and seating assignments for the year. Information regarding the audition can be found here: bit.ly/campoauditions2018. (Concert Band members, don't worry about the audition right now. We'll discuss after classes begin.) If you need to check out an instrument, contact me as soon as possible so we can get that taken care of for you.

Students interested in switching to instruments that we need to balance our instrumentation (Tuba and String Bass especially) should contact me to see what we can work out. The Boosters will provide private lesson support for students switching instruments and the school has instruments available for your use.

Speaking of Boosters, the **Campolindo Instrumental Music Boosters** is a vibrant organization that provides support and resources for our program. Please encourage your parents to become members. Information on dues, donations, and activities will be online for Cougar Days.

This will be a great year, with growth opportunities for all but extra special for the members of the Symphonic Band as we travel to Los Angeles to perform for our veterans on Veterans Day. These students will have the privilege of sharing our music making with those who have served our country valiantly. Letter of Intent forms will be distributed the first week of school and payments will need to roll in quick. November 11 will be here before you know it!

The student leaders of our Pep Band are already busy preparing for a fun season of playing at varsity home football games. Pep Band is student-run. Members get free entry into the football games they play at and free food during breaks. The music is fun, primarily hits that folks will recognize. There will be numerous opportunities for students to sign up for this fun activity!

You all should know that Campolindo enjoys a long and distinguished tradition of musical excellence, supported by 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 in direct correlation to the leadership, hard work, dedication, and talent of the members of each group. Participation in this program requires your commitment to meeting the standards for achieving the artistic goals of the music and for being a productive member of the ensemble. As always, I'm looking forward to a great new year with all of you!

Most sincerely,



Mr J