Be Part of the Band or the Orchestra!
What is Band and Orchestra?
Directions for Instrument Selection

- Explore the instruments by watching the videos on the following slides
- Use the videos to help you select two instruments you are interested in playing
- Complete the Google Form linked at the end of the presentation
- Band and orchestra directors from each school will contact families with information regarding instruments and important dates.
Band: Woodwinds

**FLUTE**
- Plays in all ensembles
- Woodwind made of metal

**OBOE**
- Double reed instrument
- Plays in band and orchestra
- Often plays melody
- Reads treble clef

**CLARINET**
- A woodwind made of wood
- Plays in all ensembles
- Uses a single reed
- Plays 4 octaves
- Often plays melody
Band: High Brass

FRENCH HORN
BRASS INSTRUMENT

TRUMPET
HIGHEST BRASS INSTRUMENT
MAKES SOUNDS FROM BUZZING
Band: Low Brass

**TROMBONE**
- Makes sounds from buzzing
- Uses a large mouthpiece
- The only instrument without valves

**EUPHONIUM**
- Smaller version of the tuba
- Has valves like a trumpet

**TUBA**
- Plays brass parts
- Often plays loud & low
- Uses lots of air
- One of the largest instruments

The euphonium is also called a baritone.
Band: Percussion

MALLETs
- Pitched percussion instruments
- Made of wood or metal
- Played with mallets
- Plays rhythm & melody
- Used in all ensembles

PERCUSSION
- Plays fixed-pitched instruments
- The only non-wind instrument
- Uses hands, sticks, or mallets
- Plays many auxiliary instruments
- Plays loud & soft
- Plays mostly rhythmic parts
Orchestra: High Strings

- Violin
  - Is a large violin
  - Has a lower sound
  - Plays melody and harmony

- Viola
Orchestra: Low Strings

**CELLO**
- Comes in different sizes
- Is played sitting down
- Reads bass and tenor clef
- Sounds in between a viola and a bass

**BASS**
- Called upright bass or double bass
- Lowest sounding instrument
- Is found in all string ensembles as well as jazz ensembles
- Can be played by any size person
Select the two instruments you are most interested in playing!

Click [here](#) to fill out the Google Form.
Questions?

Email the school’s Band Director or Orchestra Director

Contact information can be found on the school’s website:
Select Classrooms, Curriculum & Instruction, Band/Orchestra