

Haynes Bridge Middle School
BAND, CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

**Complete the back of this sheet and return it to your
child's Team Time Teacher by August 23, 2019**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Myths about being in a music group:

MYTH: If I join a music group I won't get PE.

**WRONG: You will still have PE as well as the opportunity to take ALL
Connections classes!**

MYTH: It is too expensive to join.

**WRONG: The music directors will help you obtain an instrument through rental
programs and the school has instruments for need specific students. We will
find you an instrument-do not let the cost keep you from joining.**

MYTH: It is too late to change my schedule.

**WRONG: Ms. Stuhltrager, our data clerk will change your schedule with the
least changes to the rest of your schedule.**

MYTH: If I join a music group I can't play sports.

**WRONG: In 6th grade we will have 2 -3 concerts a year and very few after
school rehearsals. Most music students also play sports and have time to do
both. We want you to be versatile!**

**Great things about our programs: Learning to play an instrument or sing!!!!
Performances!!!! Goings on Trips!!!! Making friends through music!!!!
Performing with Centennial HS Students!!!! Working together as a group
towards one goal-learning music!!!**

Questions? Please email Mr. Fisher, Orchestra (fishers@fultonschools.org), Dr. Chang, Band (chang@fultonschools.org) or Ms. Wood, Chorus (wooda@fultonschools.org)

Dear 6th Grade Parents and Students,

Please Turn in Form by August 23, 2019

Welcome to your first year at Haynes Bridge Middle School! Your child has a wonderful opportunity to become involved with the Haynes Bridge Music Department. **Introductory level** band, orchestra, and chorus classes are available to any 6th grade student. **No experience is necessary!** Band, Chorus or Orchestra will take the place of one of their connections classes but rest assured they will still rotate through all the available connections classes during their other connections period.

This can be a daunting task, but this is the **BEST TIME** to join the Band, Chorus or Orchestra and we will help you every step of the way from determining which group to be in to which instrument would be best for your child.

Being in the music department is a yearlong commitment. There is a financial commitment as well although if you have a financial need, we will help you. Most students will be asked to supply their own instruments as well as other instrument related supplies and method books. Larger instruments will automatically be supplied by the school. More information about specific supplies and where to rent or purchase instruments will be distributed at the start of class. Chorus, orchestra and band meet five days a week during connections classes. Below are brief descriptions of the instruments and how the classes work.

The **Orchestra** is comprised of the string family of instruments. These include the violin- the smallest and highest pitched of the string instruments, the viola- a mellow midrange instrument slightly larger than a violin, the cello- a great “kid sized” lower register instrument, and the string bass- the largest and lowest of the family. Students will have an opportunity to try all the string instruments before choosing and all instruments come in multiple sizes for different sized players.

The **Band** is comprised of the woodwind, brass, and percussion families of instruments. Woodwinds include the flute, clarinet and saxophone and also instruments like the bassoon and oboe. Brass instruments include the trumpet, French horn and trombone but also get bigger and lower with the baritone and tuba. Percussion includes melodic pitched instruments such as bells and xylophone in addition to the better known snare and bass drums. Students will have the opportunity to try all of the instruments before choosing one to play.

The **Chorus** is made up of students who enjoy singing. Over the course of the year, the HBMS Chorus performs music from a number of genres including (but not limited to!) musical theatre, folk, pop, classical, jazz, and world music. Members of the Chorus have the opportunity to participate in a number of honor choirs and festivals throughout the year.

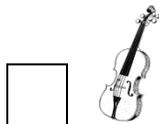
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Parent Name: _____ Phone #: _____

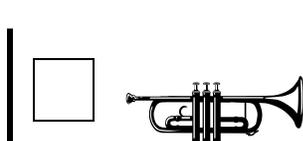
Please check only one!

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Sign me up for **Orchestra!**



OR Sign me up for **Band!**



OR Sign me up for **Chorus!**



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