



Crescenta Valley High School  
Instrumental Music Program  
2005-2006

Music Department Course Descriptions

Hello Future Falcon,

My name is Mr. Schick and I am the instrumental Music Teacher at Crescenta Valley High School. It is my pleasure to share with you the amazing things that are happening at Crescenta Valley High School.

The Instrumental music program is one of the most dynamic, energetic, and active groups at Crescenta Valley. This year, Crescenta Valley won the "Bravo Award" which is given annually by the Los Angeles Music Center to a High School with an outstanding "Arts" program. We are honored to receive this prestigious award.

The entire music department traveled to Hawaii where String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Band all earned top honor Gold Ratings. In the past, we've traveled to New York, San Francisco and Las Vegas. Symphonic Orchestra received unanimous superiors at the Long Beach S.C.S.B.O.A. festival. All of our performing groups have received superior marks at festivals this year and have brought pride and respect to the community.

The Crescenta Valley High School Music Department offers students an opportunity to enhance their musical abilities by providing an outlet of expression through instruments. Students will learn to manage time more effectively, the importance of enthusiasm, dedication, team work, poise, musicianship, care of the instrument, and music reading. Student will also develop good characteristic tone, intonation, and playing techniques.

A few dedicated and skilled students also take sports as well as Instrumental or Choir.

Each music groups performs in three school concerts a year as well as a variety of other smaller concerts and recitals.

In addition, each group has the opportunity to participate in at least one local festival and the Spring Trip.

You have received an excellent music education at Rosemont and I hope that your experiences at Crescenta Valley will enhance your musical appreciation, talent, and skill. You'll also meet wonderful people who share your talent and dedication.

**Instrumental music classes offered at Crescenta Valley High.**

Marching Band / Concert Band – PE credit for Marching Band. Must have good citizenship. (Zero period)

String Orchestra – Strings and Piano players only. Non Audition

Wind Ensemble – Woodwind, Brass, and percussion. Non Audition

Symphony Orchestra – Winds, Strings, Percussion, and Piano. **Audition required.**

Jazz Band – open to 10,11,12 graders only. **Audition Required.**

*To find out which is the right class for you, please read each class description below.*

A complete description of each class is offered online at [www.falconmusic.org](http://www.falconmusic.org)

**Marching Band / Concert Band – PE credit for Marching Band. Non audition (zero period)**

1<sup>st</sup> semester marching band is a dynamic, fun and enriching class for all musicians who play a wind or percussion instrument. Marching Band performs at football games, marches in parades, performs field shows, and is the school's ambassador to the community. It is a class for all brass, percussion, and woodwinds. The percussion section also competes separately at various events. All members of the Marching Band must attend band camp. This year, Band camp will be held at Crescenta Valley High School from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Percussionists are expected to start a week early on August 15<sup>th</sup>. At Band Camp, students will learn their music and Field Show routines. On Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> we will have a beach party and on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll have an end of Band Camp performance AND pool party. All members are required to purchase Marching Shoes (\$25.00), Gloves (\$5.00), Shirts (\$30.00) and a uniform rental fee (\$40.00). We do fundraising throughout the year to help students earn credits and help to offset these costs.

2<sup>nd</sup> semester Concert Band rehearses and performs indoors and participates in festivals, school concerts, and the Spring Trip. This is a Year long Class which receives Fine Arts Credit second semester and PE first semester.

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If trying out for Symphony Orchestra and are a wind or percussion player, you must enroll in either Marching Band or Wind Ensemble. If you are a string or piano player, you must enroll in String Orchestra. If you make it into Symphony Orchestra, I will adjust your schedule. Auditions will be in the second week of May. I will contact you personally, or through Mr. Yonkers to set up an audition time.

If you have any specific questions, please write them down below and I will personally call or email you.

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**Jazz Band – open to 10,11,12 graders only. By audition**

Jazz Band is a select class, which focuses on various jazz styles. They perform in the community, at festivals, school concerts, and the Spring Trip. Each person must audition for Jazz Band and instrumentation is limited to the following: 2 Alto Saxes, 2 Tenor Saxes, 1 Baritone Sax, 4 Trumpets, 4 Trombones, 1 Drum-set, 1 String Bass, 1 Guitar, 1 piano. Sometimes more rhythm players are accepted, but only on rare occurrences. It is open to 10, 11, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only.

**Audition requirements –**

Winds and Guitars - Bb Blues Scale, F Blues Scale, Jazz Solo, Improvisation using the Bb Blues Pattern, and Sight-reading.  
Drum-set – Swing Pattern, Bossa Nova Patern, Funk pattern, (all with a steady tempo) Solo, and Sight-read.

We require that student purchase a Jazz Shirt. (\$20.00) We do fundraising throughout the year to help students earn credits, which help to offset these costs. If selected, students are expected to commit to possible after school rehearsals, extra concerts, the spring trip and other events.

**String Orchestra – Strings and Piano players only. Non Audition**

String Orchestra is a yearlong class for all String Players from beginners to intermediate. The class focuses on improving technique, style, and musical concepts. We work on tuning, bowing and finger technique and reinforce positive string paying. String Orchestra performs at all school concerts and participates in festivals and the Spring Trip.

**Wind Ensemble – Woodwind, Brass, and percussion – Non-Audition**

Wind Ensemble is a yearlong class for students who want to take music, yet can't fit Marching Band in their schedule due to sports, or other class conflicts. They work on Band Literature and focus on tuning, intonation, phrasing, and balancing. Wind Ensemble performs at all school concerts and participates in festivals and the Spring Trip.

**Symphony Orchestra – Winds, Strings, Percussion, and Piano by audition only. Requirements are listed below.**

Symphonic Orchestra is a yearlong class open to all grade levels and it will only have 30 Strings, 2 flutes, 2 clarinets, 1 oboe, 1 bassoon, 2 trumpets, 2 Horn, 2 trombones, 1 tuba, 3 percussionists and 1 piano player. The Symphonic Orchestra plays level "A" Literature and performs at festivals, School Concerts, and the Spring Trip. This is a very demanding class, which will require both musical talent and maturity. If selected, students are expected to commit to possible after school rehearsals, extra concerts, the spring trip and other events.

<p><b>Winds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Scales 2 octave minimum. 2 Major, 1 minor (melodic), 1 chromatic</li> <li>2) Solo (your choice, 2 min. max)</li> <li>3) Sight Reading</li> </ol>	<p><b>Strings</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Scales - Violin 2 ocv. minimum. 2 Major, 1 minor (harmonic), 1 chromatic Cello – C Major 3 or 4 octaves &amp; c melodic minor, 3 octaves - Quarter = 120 Bass – F Major &amp; f melodic minor, 2 octaves – Quarter = 120</li> <li>2) Solo (your choice, 2 min. Max)</li> <li>3) Sight Reading</li> </ol>
<p><b>Percussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Scales 2 octave minimum. 2 Major, 1 minor (melodic), 1 chromatic (2 hands on xylophone)</li> <li>2) Sight Read</li> <li>3) Solo</li> </ol>	<p><b>Piano</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Scales 3 octave minimum. 2 Major, 1 minor (harmonic), 1 chromatic (two hands)</li> <li>2) Sight Read</li> <li>3) Solo</li> </ol>

**For more information, please look at [www.falconmusic.org](http://www.falconmusic.org) It is the music department web page and has more information on the music program.**

**Call Mr. Schick at (818) 249-5871 x3106 or email at [Mozmatt@falconmusic.org](mailto:Mozmatt@falconmusic.org) if you have any questions.**

**Please fill out the bottom and return to Mr. Yonkers by Tuesday April 26th. (if not a Rosemont student, please turn in ASAP)**

**Incoming student info. 2005-2006**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Parent's email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address: street-** \_\_\_\_\_ **, apt-** \_\_\_\_\_ **, city** \_\_\_\_\_ **, zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years played** \_\_\_\_\_ **(2<sup>nd</sup> instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_ **)**

**Class currently enrolled at Rosemont:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class enrolling in at CVHS:** \_\_\_\_\_