



Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music Program 2017-2018

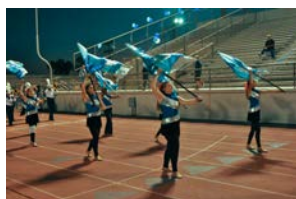
Music Department Course Descriptions

Hello Future Falcon,

The Instrumental Music program at Crescenta Valley High School is a Bravo Award-winning department which has also earned prestige and accolades throughout the community and internationally. Our instrumental groups perform at school concerts and around the community, as well as at adjudicated Festivals where they earn Superior ratings. This year, the Instrumental Music Department is traveling to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall. In recent years, our optional Spring Trip has performed in Florida, San Francisco, Ensenada, San Diego, Las Vegas, Santa Barbara, and Hawaii.



The CV High School Instrumental Music Department offers students an opportunity to enhance their musical abilities by providing an outlet of expression through performance. Students will learn sight-reading and playing techniques, and develop good characteristic tone and intonation. In addition, students will learn care of their instrument, how to manage time more effectively, and the importance of enthusiasm, dedication, musicianship, poise, and teamwork.



You have received an excellent music education at Rosemont, and I hope that you will continue those experiences at Crescenta Valley High School to further enhance your musical appreciation, talent, and skill. When you get to high school, it is important that you meet wonderful people who share your talent and dedication. This year there are over 270 students in the Instrumental Music Department. Marching Band alone has 114 members.

Many CV Instrumental Music students also participate in other school activities, such as: Sports, ROTC, Art, Robotics, Journalism, Yearbook, ASB, Choir or Drama.

Instrumental music classes offered at Crescenta Valley High.

Marching Band (Fall) / Concert Band (Spring) – PE credit for Fall. (0 period) – all grades
String Orchestra –Non Audition – all grades
Wind Ensemble –Non Audition – all grades
Symphony Orchestra - **Audition required.** – all grades
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.

More information about each class is available online at www.falconmusic.org



Marching Band / Color Guard – Zero Period. PE Credit.
Non audition, but enrollment is limited.

1st Semester - Marching Band is a dynamic, fun and enriching class for all musicians who play a wind or percussion instrument. Marching Band, Color Guard, and Drum line perform at football games, march in parades, perform field shows, and are the school's ambassador to the community. These classes count as PE Credit first semester.

BAND CAMP

Marching Band Camp will be at Crescenta Valley High School from July 31 – August 11. Percussionists and Color Guard members are expected to start a week earlier on July 24. During Band Camp, students will learn the music and drill for the Field Show and Pep Songs. On Saturday Aug 5 is our annual beach party and on August 11, we'll have our End of Band Camp performance and pool party.

MARCHING BAND EXPENSES

We ask a fair share contribution between **\$465-525** which covers the following items: marching shoes/socks gloves, shirts, band camp and fall coaching, event food, and uniform rental. Color Guard expenses are around \$550 per semester.

No student will be denied participation for financial reasons. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Mr. Schick.

2nd Semester - Concert Band

Rehearses and performs indoors and participates in festivals, school concerts, and the Spring Trip. Concert Band receives Fine Arts Credit. **Color Guard becomes Winter Guard** and focuses on skills, dance, performances and competitions.

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If you plan to try 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 contact your counselor and adjust your schedule.

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

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Wind Ensemble – Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion – Non-Audition

Wind Ensemble is a year-long 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.

String Orchestra – Strings and Piano players only - Non Audition

String Orchestra is a year-long 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 playing. String Orchestra performs at all school concerts and participates in Festivals and the Spring Trip.

Symphony Orchestra –Strings, Winds, Percussion, and Piano – BY AUDITION ONLY. Requirements are listed below.

Symphony Orchestra is a year-long class open to all grade levels but it will only have 30-34 Strings, 2 flutes, 2 clarinets, 2 oboes, 1 bassoon, 2 trumpets, 2 Horn, 2 trombones, 1 tuba, 3 percussionists and 1 piano player.

Symphony Orchestra plays unarranged level "A" Literature and performs at adjudicated Festivals, School Concerts, and the Spring Trip. They also are expected to commit to possible after-school rehearsals, extra concerts, and other events. This is a very demanding class, which will require both musical talent and personal maturity. If selected, students are expected to maintain their high level of musicianship through private lessons and regular practice outside of class.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS FOR SYMPHONY

(Auditions will be the first week in April at ROSEMONT, Mr. Yonkers will announce dates & times)

STRINGS

- 1) Scales - Quarter Note= 120
Violin - 2 octaves minimum - 2 Major, 1 minor (natural), Chromatic
Cello – C Major, c natural minor, Chromatic scale 3 or 4 oct.
Bass – F Major & f natural minor, F Chromatic (2 octaves)
- 2) Solo (your choice, 2 min. Max)

WINDS

- 1) Scales Quarter Note= 120 - 2 octave minimum.
2 Major, 1 minor (natural), 1 chromatic
- 2) Solo (your choice, 2 minutes max)
- 3) Sight Reading

PIANO

- 1) Scales - Quarter Note= 120 - 3 octave minimum.
2 Major, 1 minor (natural), 1 chromatic (two hands)
- 2) Sight Read
- 3) Solo

PERCUSSION

- 1) Scales - Quarter Note= 120 - 2 octave minimum.
2 Major, 1 minor (natural)
1 chromatic (2 hands on xylophone)
- 2) Sight Read
- 3) Solo

Important Dates

There will be Instrumental freshman parent information meeting in April; we will send an email with the exact date.

- Instrumental Spring Concert – Wednesday, March 15, 7:00pm**
- Instrumental Pops Concert – Friday, May 5, 7:00pm**
- Symphony Concerto and Ensemble Concert – Tuesday, May 23, 7:00pm**

For more information

www.falconmusic.org
Call Mr. Schick at (818) 249-5871 x3106
or email at mschick@gusd.net

Please fill out the bottom and return to Mr. Yonkers by **Thursday, February 16th**

Incoming Student Info: 2017-2018

GUSD ID#: _____ **Name (+nickname):** _____ **Male** _____ **Female** _____

Main Instrument: _____ **Years played** _____ **(2nd instrument:** _____)

Home Address: _____ **apt-** _____, **city** _____, **zip** _____

Home phone: _____ **Student's Email address:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Parent's email address:** _____

Class currently enrolled at Rosemont: _____ **Class enrolling in at CVHS:** _____