

**Crescenta Valley High School**  
**Visual and Performing Arts Department**  
**Wind Ensemble Supplement**  
**2017-2018**

Wind Ensemble is a 1-year class. This group will learn and play music in class, and will perform several times during the year at festivals and concerts.

Wind Ensemble develops the Visual and Performing Arts Standards by developing and expanding musical expression, music concepts (such as minimal instruments per part), aesthetic judgments, connections in society, as well as providing a greater understanding of music from various classical periods, composers, and cultures. Performance participation is a requirement of the class.

Wind Ensemble performs at school concerts and at adjudicated festivals throughout the entire school year as well as the Spring Trip. Occasionally we will send small groups out into the community to perform. It is a privilege to be a member of the Crescenta Valley High School Wind Ensemble since it is a representative of our community.

**Additional Wind Ensemble Requirements**

- Brass players must bring a cloth to class every day to place on the floor when emptying spit valves.
- Piano players will sometimes be required to learn and play percussion parts.
- Due to instrumentation, we might be asking students to switch instruments in order to better balance the ensemble.

**Instruments**

Instruments may be available for use; however priority will be given to students who do not own their own. Instruments will be distributed in class.

Please consider making a voluntary contribution to help cover the costs of instrument maintenance, repair, and replacement. We suggest the following amounts for families who have students using school instruments who wish to make voluntary contributions:

- Brass or Wind Instrument - \$90 for the entire year (paid at the start of school), or \$50 per semester
- Percussion - \$50 for the entire year (paid at the start of school), or \$30 per semester
- Piano - \$30 year

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Most of the expenses that CV Instrumental Music Department incurs are NOT covered by the school or the District.** To pay for all the important components of our Instrumental classes (working instruments, Adjudicated Festivals, transportation, etc) we rely almost exclusively on donations from parents and families, as well as from various fundraising events.

In order to continue the Instrumental program at the current high level, we strongly encourage the families to make a voluntary contribution to the Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation!

CVIMF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, so all contributions are tax-deductible (consult your tax professional.)

Wind Ensemble class is generally comprised of students with varying abilities and experiences. Together, we can form a fundamentally sound music ensemble. We will focus and concentrate on musical essentials such as tone, notes, rhythm, technique, and musical phrasing.