



# Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music Program 2018-2019

## Instrumental 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. Our instrumental groups perform at school concerts and around the community, as well as at adjudicated Festivals where they earn Superior ratings. Last year, the Instrumental Music Department went to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall. Our optional Spring Trip has performed in Florida, Ensenada, San Diego, Las Vegas, Hawaii, and will be traveling this year to San Francisco.



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 280 students in the Instrumental Music Department. Marching Band & Guard alone has over 130 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) – open to 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](http://www.falconmusic.org)



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

**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, 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 is held on the CVHS campus from **Aug 6 – August 17**. *Percussionists and Color Guard members start a week earlier on July 30.* During Band Camp, students learn the music and drill for the Field Show and Pep Songs. Saturday Aug 11 is our annual Beach Day, and on August 17, we present our first public **End of Band Camp Performance** for parents followed by a Pool Party for students

### **BAND and GUARD EXPENSES**

We ask each band parent to make a voluntary contribution of \$650 per student each year to help cover the huge expenses that the District and School **DO NOT FUND**. Your donation helps pay for the following necessary items: marching shoes/socks/gloves, shirts, band camp and fall coaching, event food, and uniform rental. Contributions are made to our supporting foundation, "CVIM".

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester - Concert Band**

rehearses and performs indoors. Participates in festivals, school concerts, and the Spring Trip. Concert Band receives Fine Arts Credit. Auditions will be held before 2<sup>st</sup> semester for **Winter Guard** and **Winter Drumline**. Both these groups focus on skills, performance 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, any grade level**

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, any grade level**

String Orchestra is a year-long class for all string players from beginners to intermediate. This 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 "5" or "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. It is a very demanding class, which will require 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)
- 3) Sight Reading

**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  
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. **Please make sure we have your legible emails below!**

**2018 Instrumental Spring Concert – Wednesday, March 14, 7:00pm**

**2018 Instrumental Pops Concert – Friday, May 4, 7:00pm**

**Symphony Concerto and Ensemble Concert – Tuesday, May 22, 7:00pm**

**For more information**

[www.falconmusic.org](http://www.falconmusic.org)

Call Mr. Schick at (818) 249-5871 x3106  
or email at [mschick@gusd.net](mailto:mschick@gusd.net)

Please fill out the bottom, cut off and return to Mr. Yonkers by **Thursday, February 15th**

**Incoming Student Info: 2018-2019**

**GUSD ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal name and nick-name, if applicable) \_

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

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **apt-** \_\_\_\_\_, **city** \_\_\_\_\_, **zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Student cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ or submit info online by 2/15 by going to [falconmusic.org](http://falconmusic.org), Incoming Student Info Form