

Carlmont Instrumental Music

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The Carlmont Instrumental Music (IM) Program is one of the most successful music programs along the Peninsula and we are excited to have you join our IM family!

- Musically, the IM Program offers many opportunities for artistic development with it's award-winning ensembles.
- Academically, the IM Program includes the best and the brightest students at Carlmont High School.
- Socially, students in Carlmont's IM Program make lifelong friends and memories.

Program Highlights

- Performances:
 - Winter & Spring Concerts
- CMEA Festivals
- Tours and College Visits
- Pep Band & Drumline
- Chamber Music Night
- Instrumental Music Council
- Jazz Combos/Clubs & Jazz II
- Clinicians & Guest Performers
- Music Mentors
- Fun, friendly and talented community of musical peers

Program Overview

Concert Band is a high school level intermediate band course. Prior experience at the middle school level is required. It is structured to more fully prepare the IM student for a successful transition to Symphonic Band, Symphony Orchestra, and possibly the Jazz Ensemble.

Symphonic Band is our advanced band. It is structured to accommodate the advanced musician at the highest level. Participation in the Symphonic Band is determined by audition.

String Orchestra is a high school level intermediate orchestra course. Prior experience at the middle school level is required. It is structured to more fully prepare the IM student for a successful transition to Symphony Orchestra.

Symphony Orchestra is for advanced musicians and consists of a full orchestra make-up: string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Auditions are held each year for prospective students to perform with the Symphony Orchestra.

Jazz Ensemble is a highly selective group of advanced musicians with extensive background in jazz performance and traditional Big Band instruments. This ensemble performs at concerts and various festivals throughout the year.

String Orchestra

- Intermediate Ensemble
- Strings only (violin/viola/cello/bass/harp)
- Grades 9-12



Symphony Orchestra

- Full symphony orchestra (winds/brass/percussion)
- By audition only; advanced ensemble
- Tour ensemble



Concert Band

- Grades 9-12
- Intermediate Ensemble
- 2 sections combine to perform as one
- Opportunities to participate in Jazz 2



Symphonic Band

- Tour Ensemble
- Opportunities to participate in Jazz 2
- By audition only, mostly 10th-12th graders



Jazz Ensemble

- By audition only, mostly 10th-12th graders
- Tour Ensemble



How do I sign up?

- If you play a band instrument (wind/brass/percussion) sign up for "band".
- If you play a string instrument, (violin/viola/cello/bass/harp) sign up for "orchestra".
- If you sign up, *you will* get a 7-period schedule.
- Counselors will place students in appropriate ensembles based on audition results. Just be sure to sign up!

Auditions

Most incoming 9th graders enter the program at the Concert Band/String Orchestra level (intermediate classes).

Video auditions for advanced ensembles (Symphonic Band, Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble) are usually due in early March. Audition information will be posted in January.

More information: www.carlmontmusic.com

FAQs

How well do I have to play my instrument to be a part of the IM Program?

Carlmont's IM Program requires students have experience on their instrument from their middle school band/orchestra program or comparable experience with private lessons. Most students enter the IM program at the intermediate level.

Regardless, we understand that COVID has disrupted schedules/plans, and we'd like to find a way for you to join the program. Please reach out if you have questions.

FAQs

How much of my time will playing in Carlmont's IM Program take?

All ensembles meet one period each day during school. Students are expected to practice and be prepared for rehearsals. In addition to competitions and winter/spring performances, winds/brass/percussion students perform with the Carlmont Pep Band for home, league, varsity football games.

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Can I participate in other activities?

Yes! Carlmont IM students are very active in many activities including athletics, ASB (student government), clubs, theater, choir, robotics, biotech, AP classes, etc.

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Can I take 2 music classes?

Yes. Every year, we have a handful of students who take two music classes. If you have questions about how to make this work in your schedule, please ask Ms. Webster/Mr. Switzer.

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Will being a member of the IM Program interfere with AP or Honors courses that I'd like to take?

Most definitely not. Many of our IM upperclassmen are academically motivated and take a number of advanced classes during their high school years.

Mark Your Calendars!

December 7, 8 & 9 Winter Concerts

February 2-5: Carlmont Musical

Friday, March 10: Chamber Music Night

April 30: Celebrate the Music

May 17-19: Spring Concerts

See the [Carlmont Music website](#) for more information.



And in case you missed them:



Chamber Music Night 2021



Spring Concert 2021