

Instrumental Music

Music plays an important part in all our lives. The Monte Vista High School Instrumental Music program, as both an academic and an interactive activity, contributes to the growth of an individual's character, citizenship, and leadership. These goals are achieved through the hard work, dedication, discipline, and pursuit of excellence evident in every segment of the program. Join us in at least one of these opportunities:

All Students – After School (fall semester only)

Marching Band This uniformed band is the face of the Monte Vista Instrumental Music program at football games, community events, and adjudicated festivals and exhibitions. Instruction includes instrumental techniques, marching techniques, performance skills, leadership skills, and team building. Rehearsals begin with a band camp in August, and continue after school through November. This class receives Fine Art credit.

Colorguard This performing ensemble interprets the music that the marching band is playing with a choreographed routine using flags or other equipment, and through dance. The colorguard uses different color and styles of flags to enhance the visual effect of the whole Marching Band field show during their performances in the fall. Rehearsals begin in August, and continue after school through the first semester. This class receives Fine Art credit.

Open To All Musicians

Symphonic Band Open to all musicians with middle school instrumental music experience. Students will receive instruction on instrumental techniques, and gain exposure to band literature from different musical time periods and styles. Elements of music history and music theory will be included as part of the curriculum. Performance opportunities include concerts, solo & ensemble festivals, and adjudicated festivals.

Orchestra Open to all musicians with prior experience on string instruments. Students will receive instruction on string techniques and perform music from different historical periods and styles. Elements of music history and music theory will be included as part of the curriculum. Performance opportunities include concerts, adjudicated festivals, and solo & ensemble festivals.

Audition Required

Wind Ensemble This is an advanced musical ensemble for winds and percussion players. Students will receive instruction on extended instrumental techniques and ensemble skills. Repertoire will be included from different musical time periods and styles. Private lessons are highly encouraged for this advanced performing group. Elements of music history and music theory will be included as part of the curriculum. Performance opportunities include concerts, adjudicated festivals, and solo and ensemble contests. This is an auditioned group.

Jazz A This is an advanced musical ensemble for instrumental jazz performers. This is an auditioned group with traditional big band instrumentation. Students will receive instruction in jazz style, jazz theory, improvisation, and jazz appreciation. Private lessons are strongly encouraged for this advanced performing group. Performance opportunities will include concerts, local events, adjudicated festivals, and possible jazz combo gigs.

Jazz B Open to musicians with an interest in big band jazz performance. This is an auditioned group with traditional big band instrumentation. Students will receive instruction in jazz style, jazz theory, improvisation, and jazz appreciation. Performance opportunities will include concerts, adjudicated festivals, and local events.