

# Boyce Music Ensemble Information Meeting

Mrs. Sarah Shoemaker, Orchestra Director

Mr. Craig Madge, Band Director

Mrs. Jennifer Schetley, Chorus/Musical Director

# Boyce Ensemble Offerings:

## Band: 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, Honors Band

Honors band will be offered to those students who've consistently demonstrated superior weekly preparation and attendance.

## Orchestra: Bravo, Encore, and Panther Orchestras

The Bravo Orchestra focuses on the development of excellent fundamental musicianship and ensemble skills.

The Encore Orchestra focuses on learning new chromatic notes, rhythms with sixteenth notes and compound rhythms.

The Panther Orchestra focuses on learning music in new and changing key signatures & meters and with new articulations.

## Chorus (Fall Semester Only): 5th Gd Chorus, 6th Gd Chorus

## Musical Theater (Spring Semester Only): 5th Gd Musical Theatre, 6th Gd Musical Theatre

# Boyce Ensemble Rehearsal Times

	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.
7:30-8:30 am	Encore Orchestra			Bravo Orchestra	Panther Orchestra
7:45-8:30 am			5th Grade Band	6th Grade Band	
7:30-8:30 am			6th Chorus Sectionals/ 6th Musical		5th Chorus Sectionals/ 5th Musical
8:45-2:45, School Day	One 40 Minute Instrumental Pull-Out Lesson Each Week				
2:45-3:45 pm	5th Gd Chorus/Musical	(Make Ups for Chorus/Musical)		6th Gd Chorus/Musical	Honors Band

# Lessons/Sectionals

## Schedule, Purpose

Lessons are for developing individual skills. Rehearsals are for preparing our concert repertoire for our winter & spring concerts. Regular attendance at BOTH lessons and rehearsals is necessary to maintain good progress. Many students form carpools to get to am rehearsals.

Sectionals give Chorus students a chance to work on their specific part within a song before adding it to the other part(s) during the full ensemble rehearsals. This helps to maximize instructional time at ensemble rehearsals. This functions similarly to the instrumental lessons during the week.

By enrolling in the Boyce Band, Orchestra, and Chorus, students have committed to participate in ensemble for the entirety of the school year.

Students are graded for performance in instrumental ensembles for the full school year.

Please let us know if your child is having any trouble with morning attendance or is unsure of schedules and class procedures.

# 2019 - 2020 Concert Dates

12/9/19 - Orchestra Concert 7PM @ Boyce Theater

12/11/19 - Band Concert 7PM @ Boyce Theater

12/12/19 - Chorus Concert 7PM @ High School Theater

12/13/19 - Boyce Combined Band, Chorus, and Orchestra School Show 2PM @ Boyce Gym

**3/18/20- Combined Band Concert 7PM @ HS Theater**

4/1/20 and 4/2/20 - 5th Gd Musical Performances 7PM @ Boyce Theater

4/3/20- 5th Gd Musical School Show 2PM @ Boyce Theater

4/15/20 and 4/16/20 - 6th Gd Musical Performances 7PM @ Boyce Theater

4/17/20 - 6th Gd Musical School Show 2PM @ Boyce Theater

5/18/20 - Middle School String Rehearsal in 7:30 AM @ Boyce Theater

5/18/20 - Middle School String Concert 7PM @ Boyce Theater

6/3/20 - Boyce Band Rehearsal 1 - 3 PM @ Boyce Theater

6/3/20 - Boyce Band Concert 7PM @ Boyce Theater

# Contact and Remind Information

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Chorus and Orchestra!

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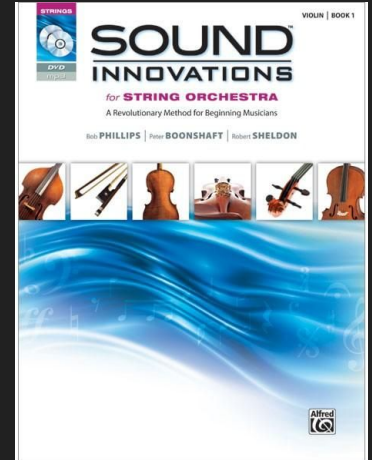
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# Materials

## Band/Orchestra Instruments, Books

Orchestra and Band are using “Sound Innovations” (Book 1, or 2, for Orchestra, Book 1 for Band), resources for obtaining instruments can be found on Mrs. Shoemaker’s teacher page: <http://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Page/7423>





# Beginner Instrumental Lessons

- ★ Choosing an instrument - Johnstonbaugh's, Volkwein's, and/or Resonance Violins, etc.
- ★ Obtaining an instrument - May do over phone, online, etc. with vendor
- ★ Organization of lessons - Lesson schedule will come out in mid-September after all beginner try-outs have concluded

Try-outs: September 2019

# Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedures

- Drop-off should be by the Main Office Entrance to the building in the mornings for all AM rehearsals
- Pick-up will occur by the Main Office Entrance in the green “loading zone” shown below for all PM rehearsals. Please be sure to move up as far as possible so as many students/cars can leave at a time to speed up the dismissal process while maintaining student safety.



Staff Webpages: [www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Page/7258](http://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Page/7258)

Please Check Teacher Webpages for:

- Remind Notification sign-up directions
- The schedule for group pull-out lessons (band/orchestra- in addition to rehearsals)
- Required method books and materials
- Concert letters and additional communication
- Instructions on volunteering
- General information on classes

# Volunteer Clearances

- If you submitted clearances after 2014, you are approved for volunteering as a chaperone.
- ALL volunteers with the district need to have all three clearances on file with the district BEFORE volunteering to help with events.
- Once on file, clearances are valid for five years (they will work for ALL activities through your child's middle school years, then)
- Please see the district's main website for more information about obtaining your Child Abuse, Criminal Record, and FBI Fingerprint Clearances

# Closing Thoughts

All of these things will enrich their lives, and the longer they study music, the greater the enrichment will be.

"Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If a child hears fine music from the day of his birth, and learns to play it himself, he develops sensitivity, discipline and endurance. He gets a beautiful heart." --Shinichi Suzuki