

# Baines Middle School Orchestra



Hello! We would like to tell you about how YOU can be a part of the fabulous Baines Middle School Orchestra when you come to middle school next year!

If you already play an orchestra instrument, you should audition for placement in one of our performing ensembles.

If you want to learn how to play, you will meet with our director to select an instrument and be placed in one of our Beginning classes. The Beginning Orchestra is a group of students who have never played a string instrument before. As a beginner, you start playing and learning to read music at the beginning of the school year. By the time December rolls around, you will already play well enough to perform a concert with everyone! We will teach you to use your music reading skills from elementary schools, play all types of music, in addition to participating in group activities. As you progress, you will be part of a performing orchestra and can participate in many concerts, chamber, and solo opportunities, and participate in festivals and contests. Most players participate in four to five concerts a year and travel to competitions.

As a high school student, you will have even more opportunity for performance and traveling. Playing a musical instrument can bring you enjoyment even after you graduate from high school!

## **We want you to know some very important facts:**

- You do not have to know how to play or read music!
- You can join a more advanced orchestra if you already play a string instrument!
- You can participate in orchestra and be in any of our sports teams, too!
- Your size is not a problem – string instruments come in all sizes!
- Playing a string instrument is fun!
- **WE BELIEVE EACH OF YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL!**

## **HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BMS ORCHESTRA?**

Simply select Orchestra as your first elective choice for next year on the course selection sheet and online and turn it in NOW.

## **WHAT IF I AM NOT SURE WHAT TO TAKE, BUT I AM INTERESTED IN ORCHESTRA BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN?**

If you are interested, ask us to come try our instruments with no commitment necessary.

Contact me at:

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I will answer you as soon as we can!

***WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE BMS ORCHESTRA NEXT YEAR!***