



Richards Middle School Music Programs



All upcoming 6th grade students are encouraged to take part in our exciting music programs.

All programs will offer an orientation period only available during the first two weeks of school, only in the 6th grade year. The orientation period allows students to try the class out and select an instrument before committing to it for the rest of the year. If during the orientation period, your student is not interested in joining any program, they will be rescheduled to another connection class for the remainder of the semester.

6th Grade is the easiest and best time for your young musician to begin since we all start with the basics.

All music programs will require some financial commitment; however, we can and do offer assistance. Please do not allow finances to deter you from allowing your child to participate in this valuable experience.

ORCHESTRA

Ms. Loskot

Orchestra students will try each instrument out during class time, during the school day.

Once they have been fit for their instrument, Orchestra students need their instruments by August 24.

Orchestra instruments are: *Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass.*

BAND

Ms. Scriven

Band students will try out instruments they are interested in playing on Tuesday, August 21st after school. This will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the RMS Cafeteria, and is called the "Band Petting Zoo."

They will be recommended for instruments on which we feel they will be the most successful.

Band instruments are: *Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone and Euphonium, and Tuba.*

CHORUS

Mr. Lukens

During the orientation period, students will have the opportunity to experience vocal music, learn basic theory, and give a concert. Near the end of this time period, students will be invited to stay for the remainder of the year if they pass a simple audition and have excellent behavior and participation throughout the period.

2018-2019

MUSIC ENROLLMENT FORM

Return to Homeroom Teacher by Friday, April 20.

I would like my child to be enrolled in: (check one box)

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Student Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Elementary School: _____ Homeroom Teacher's Name: _____



THE POWER OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Study after study has proven that music education dramatically increases early brain development and improves students' overall academic performance. Music education has been shown to enhance higher brain function, improve reading and math performance, raise IQ scores, provide important experiences, and increase SAT scores.



RMS CHORUS

Do you love to sing? Do you enjoy making music and having fun with others? Then sign up with the Richards Middle School **Chorus** program! Participation in the chorus allows you to sing every other day for the entire school year, to learn how to use your voice properly, and to learn the basics of reading music. You do not need to have any musical experience to join the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade Choruses, you just need to have a voice and a willingness to learn. You will learn a variety of musical styles, from classical to jazz to popular, and enjoy presenting concerts for your parents and the community throughout the year. Singing in the chorus is hard work, but it is also really fun and rewarding to make music with your friends. Please join us!

For more information contact Mr. Lukens at 770-338-4808, or David_Lukens@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

RMS ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

VIOLA

CELLO

STRING BASS

- Improve your reading and math abilities by learning a string instrument!
- Make music in a fun class for the entire school year!
- Attend field trips to see the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and other musicals!
- Learn to read music! Make new friends in the orchestra!
- Perform with youth orchestras in Gwinnett County and at RMS!
- Work with professional string players and conductors from the Atlanta area!

You do not need to have previous experience with a stringed instrument to join orchestra in the 6th grade! And... 6th grade is the **ONLY** year that you can start a stringed instrument as a new student!

For more information contact Ms. Loskot at 770-338-4810, or Davina_Loskot@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

RMS BAND

6th grade band at RMS is fun! Almost all of our students are new to playing an instrument – anyone can join! We will learn how to do everything in class – from putting the instruments together, to making the right sounds, and learning to read music.

Instruments included in 6th grade beginning band are: *Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Tubas, and Percussion.* Students interested in advanced instruments (*French horn, Bass clarinet, and Saxophone*) will have the opportunity to try to play those instruments in the second semester, provided they have been in the band the first semester and are able to complete the requisite number of pass-offs.

Students will be able to try the different instruments, and parents and students will make their choice on **Tuesday, August 21st at the Band Petting Zoo.** This will be an Open-House format, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Richards Middle School Cafeteria.

For more information contact Ms. Scriven at 770-338-4798, or Chantell_Scriven@gwinnett.k12.ga.us