

Campolindo Instrumental Music

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Dear Campolindo Musician:

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope your summer has been relaxing, reenergizing and productive. It is the time of the year for you to prepare for our work together in the Fall.

Please make sure that your instrument is in top working order. If needed, take it to a reputable instrument repair facility. **Some** area shops for wind instruments include Lamorinda Music in Lafayette (81 Lafayette Circle—925-385-0963); C & L Music in Concord (2395 Monument Blvd., Suite B—925-686-6122); Best Music Co. in Oakland (1716 Broadway—510-832-2024); and for double reeds there is Forrests Music in Berkeley (1849 University Ave.—510-845-7178); for strings there is Ifshin Violins in El Cerrito (6420 Fairmount Avenue—510-843-5466; Jordan Music in Concord (1173 Linden Drive—925-671-9246); or Jack Gu at Moraga Strings Workshop—925-577-9357. You **will not** need to bring your instrument to school on the first day as we will be discussing the syllabus and other “housekeeping” issues. Also please note that **Jazz Band will not meet on the first day of school**: the first rehearsal is Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 am.

You are responsible for preparing a short **audition** to take place during the first week of school. This audition will establish part and seating assignments. You should prepare the following:

- an excerpt that is age-appropriate, that you enjoy playing, and that **demonstrates your musical strengths** (2-3 minutes),
- the chromatic scale (the full range of your instrument),
- all 12 major scales (but I’ll only ask for two during the audition),
- sightreading.

If you are new to the program and need to sign out an instrument, contact me as soon as possible to accommodate your needs.

Students interested in **switching to instruments** that we need to balance our instrumentation (oboe, bassoon, French horn, tuba, trombone, and viola) should contact me to see what we can work out. The Campolindo Music Boosters will provide private lesson support for students switching instruments and the school has instruments available for your use.

The **Back-to-School Barbecue** is a great time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 23 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at Rancho Laguna Park. Lunch will be provided. Look for details from your Music Council representatives.

All of your parents are members of the **Campolindo Instrumental Music Boosters**. This vibrant organization provides enrichment activities and resources for our program. Information on dues, donations and activities will be online for Cougar Days.

Campolindo enjoys a long and distinguished tradition of musical excellence, supported by school staff, administration and a community that values your artistic growth and achievement. Each year is a unique musical experience and the success of our ensembles is in direct correlation to the leadership, hard work, dedication and talent of the members of each group. Participation in this program requires your commitment to meeting the standards for achieving the artistic goals of the music and for being a productive member of the ensemble. I look forward to a great year with you all!

Most sincerely,



Johnny Johnson