



# Catalina Foothills Orchestra Program

## Sunrise Drive Orchestra 2021-2022

My name is Mrs. Cha and I am the orchestra teacher at Sunrise Drive. I am very excited to work with the students in orchestra this year! This letter is to inform you about our orchestra program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be starting the process of registering students for orchestra in the first couple weeks of school. Catalina Foothills has a strong reputation in the Visual and Performing Arts, and we are excited to have your child join our growing orchestra program.

**Orchestra Classes:** We offer two levels of orchestra at Ventana Vista: beginning and advanced (1 year or more experience) to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Each level of orchestra meets for class two days a week. The class schedules are outlined below for your information. Classes will begin meeting on Monday, August 23.

**Choosing an instrument:** Please visit our Orchestra Website at <https://sites.google.com/cfsd16.org/cfsdorchestra20/home> to explore demo videos about each of the instruments of the orchestra and to register.

**Beginning Orchestra Parent Information Meetings:**

We will hold information meetings on the following dates from 6:30-7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. You must attend one of these meetings for your child to participate in orchestra. Please attend whichever night/school that best fits your schedule:

- Canyon View Elementary – Monday, August 16
- Sunrise Drive Elementary – Tuesday, August 17
- Manzanita Elementary – Wednesday, August 18
- Ventana Vista Elementary – Thursday, August 19

Our string teachers Mr. Watson, Dr. Sah, Mrs. Cha and the Instrumental Music Center will present a short information session where students can choose an instrument, ask questions and learn how to rent their instrument for the year.

**Orchestra Jump Start Camp**

We will hold a jump start camp for all beginner students on **Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Catalina Foothills High School Auditorium from 9:30-11:30 am.** (A brief demo concert will be held at 11:30 am to conclude the day). The camp will focus on care of instrument and set up with instruction from area professional musicians for each instrument. Students must bring their instruments and wear comfortable clothes. (No music stands or books will be needed).

**Sunrise Drive Orchestra Schedule**

**Beginning Class**

- Violin/Viola: Thursday 1:30-2:15 pm & Friday 7:15-7:55 am
- Cello/Bass: Monday 3-3:45 pm & Friday 7:15-7:55 am

**Advanced (2<sup>nd</sup> year / experienced) class**

- Violin/Viola: Monday 3:45-4:30 pm & Thursday 2:15-3 pm
- Cello/Bass: Monday 3:45-4:30 pm & Thursday 3-3:45 pm

**Pre-Registration for Orchestra:**

If you would like to be a part of the orchestra program this year, please follow this link to pre-register:

<https://forms.gle/zzBwfehqpXJM5Awu7>

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are a returning member, you still need to register to participate.**

**District Honor Orchestra**

Honors orchestra is an optional accelerated orchestra ensemble for experienced players in grades 3-8. The ensemble meets once a week after school. The ensemble consists of auditioned students from across the district and is an opportunity for students to learn advanced music in an accelerated atmosphere in *addition* to their classroom instruction. Auditions will be announced early in the Fall. Go to this link if your child is interested in auditioning for this group: <https://forms.gle/cEDcFJYGNeVLAZVr7>

I look forward to teaching your children in the art of string music this year!

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