

# SUNRISE DRIVE ELEMENTARY BAND

July 20th, 2021

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you about this year's beginning band program at Sunrise Drive Elementary School for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. We will be starting the process of registering fifth graders for band in the first couple weeks of school. Catalina Foothills has a strong band reputation, and we are excited to have your child join us if interested. Please read this information carefully.

In the first few days of school, your child will have a chance to see the instruments that are offered in the Sunrise Drive band at the Fifth grade instrument demo assembly. The instrument demo assembly will be during your child's school day, and will give your child a chance to ask some questions about the band program at Sunrise Drive.

On **Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the Catalina Foothills High School Auditorium is the **Beginning Band Parent meeting**. This meeting is ***mandatory*** for parents who wish to have their student join the Sunrise Drive Band. We will give parents the necessary information to complete their child's band registration, acquire an instrument, and explain our instrument interview process. An instrument interview is a short meeting where we help your child choose an instrument that the student will enjoy, and be most likely to succeed on. Instrument interviews will be taking place on the weeknights between Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> between 3:30pm – 7:30 pm in the Catalina Foothills High School Band room.

If you know your child is interested in Band, you should also mark your calendar for our Beginning Band Camp. The **Beginning Band Camp** will take place on **Saturday August 28th from 11:30am-4:00pm**. The Camp is a day where your child will be instructed by a professional musician on how to put the instrument together, and play their first notes. The camp ends with the student's first concert where the children perform a concert showcasing what they learned at the camp. Our camp is not required for every band student; however, we highly encourage all students to attend.

Band practices will take place after school from 3:00-4:00 (1:30-2:30 on Monday early release), and rehearsals will start on the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will meet twice a week for practice - one time with a small section, and one time with the full band. The day of the practice will be determined by the instrument the student chooses to play.

If you have any questions about beginning band at Sunrise Drive, please do not hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to another great Sunrise Drive Band and I hope many of our students are interested in joining the tradition of great Catalina Foothills School District Bands.

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