



# RANCHO PICO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## Band & Orchestra

Welcome to the Rancho Pico Band & Orchestra Family! The Band and Orchestra program addresses the intellectual, emotional, cultural, and social well being of our students through music. Making music is a profoundly human way for students to activate their brains and create relationships.

While we do have fun, there is a certain level of commitment required to have a successful music program. The two most important commitments are time to practice and attendance at evening performances. Students should expect to practice 4-5 days per week and attend 3 concerts this school year (see calendar below).

Please use this syllabus as a reference throughout the year and complete the participation agreement, letting me know that you understand the concert and practice commitments. I know it is a lot to read through, but most of it is for reference throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, email is the best way to get a hold of me. I am very excited for the 2023-24 school year!

Please return the parent signature page in the back by **Friday, September 1, 2023.**

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### CALENDAR DATES

Concert performances are part of their grade—so make certain to mark your calendar and plan around our amazing shows!

### MATERIALS

Set your student up for success!  
Supplies are listed on the supply list

### T-SHIRT ORDERS

Optional!  
A fun way to show team spirit! This is not a fundraiser—just a fun way to show team spirit!



### FAIR SHARE DONATIONS

The music program is a self-funded program. In order to run a high quality program, at the beginning of every year we ask for a small donation. This voluntary donation takes the place of extra fundraising. This fair share donation will cover the cost of music, books, festivals, transportation, rewards and activities. It does not cover the cost of participation in optional field trips.

The suggested fair share donation for each family is \$50. Every dollar goes directly to the music program. **The other main fundraiser for our music program is tickets sales at our concerts. Families who donate \$100 or more to the Fair Share Donation campaign will receive family passes to our concerts. Concert tickets are \$5 per person.**

## 2023-24 CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars at home. I will send out reminders 2 weeks before events.  
Please note that events marked with an \* are mandatory and impact your child's grade.

TBD	<b>Wildcat Marching Band Night*</b> <i>Rancho Pico band students are invited to a West Ranch Football game to sit and play along with the band.</i>	<b>Adv Band (required)</b> <i>Int Band (optional)</i>	<b>Valencia HS Stadium</b>	<b>6pm</b>
Nov. 15	<b>Winter Orchestra &amp; Choir Concert*</b> <i>Both orchestras will perform for family and friends.</i>	<b>ALL ORCHESTRAS</b>	<b>Rancho Pico MPR</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Nov. 16	<b>Winter Band Concert*</b> <i>All bands will perform for family and friends.</i>	<b>ALL BANDS</b>	<b>Rancho Pico MPR</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Jan. 19-20	<b>Hart District Honor Band Auditions*</b> <i>Select band students will audition to participate in Hart District Honor Band.</i>	<b>Adv Band (required)</b> <i>Int Band (optional)</i>	<b>La Mesa JHS</b>	<i>By appointment. Times will be announced in Dec.</i>
March 12	<b>Jazz Showcase*</b> <i>Jazz Bands from Rancho Pico and WRHS will share a concert.</i>	<b>JAZZ BAND</b>	<b>WRHS</b>	<b>7pm</b>
March 14	<b>Orchestra Showcase*</b> <i>Orchestras from Rancho Pico and WRHS will share a concert.</i>	<b>ALL ORCHESTRAS</b>	<b>WRHS</b>	<b>7pm</b>
March 21	<b>Band Showcase*</b> <i>Bands from Rancho Pico and WRHS share a concert.</i>	<b>ALL BANDS</b>	<b>WRHS</b>	<b>7pm</b>
March 26	<b>SCSBOA Festival*</b> <i>Advanced Orchestra will perform.</i>	<b>Adv. Orchestra</b>	<b>WRHS</b>	<b>After School</b>
March 27	<b>SCSBOA Festival*</b> <i>Advanced Band will perform.</i>	<b>Adv. Band</b>	<b>WRHS</b>	<b>After School</b>
May 14	<b>Spring Orchestra &amp; Choir Concert*</b> <i>Orchestras will perform for family and friends.</i>	<b>ALL ORCHESTRAS</b>	<b>Rancho Pico MPR</b>	<b>7pm</b>
May 16	<b>Spring Band Concert*</b> <i>Bands will perform for family and friends.</i>	<b>ALL BANDS</b>	<b>Rancho Pico MPR</b>	<b>7pm</b>
May 18	<b>Super Jazz Festival</b> <i>Jazz Band competes</i>	<b>Jazz Band</b>	<b>WRHS</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## CONCERT DRESS

To show pride in our performances and respect for our audience, please wear the following for all performances:

*Gentlemen* – Black dress slacks (not jeans), white dress shirt (tucked in) with black necktie, black dress shoes and black socks

*Ladies* – Concert black (dressy black pants, skirt with a nice black top or a black dress). Skirts and dresses should be ankle length. Short skirts and sleeveless tops are inappropriate for concert wear. This is to create a uniform look, but also to protect modesty. Please note that at certain performance venues the audience is at eye level with the stage.

If you do not have access to any of the suggested items listed above, please email Mrs. Stoffel at [pstoffel@hartdistrict.org](mailto:pstoffel@hartdistrict.org).

## MATERIALS

It is suggested that students bring the following supplies to class each day in order to be successful:

### 1. Instrument in good playing condition and supplies:

#### Strings

Rosin, Dust cloth, Shoulder rest or end pin rest, tuner/Snark (optional—but highly recommended)

#### Woodwinds

At least 3 good reeds at all times (Strengths of 2.5 or above), cork grease, Cleaning swab (rod and cloth for flutes)

#### Brass

Valve oil (slide oil for trombones & rotor oil for French horn) & slide grease

Percussion (the stick bag with sticks/mallets needs to come to class):

1. Drum pad & bell kit or piano at home for practice
2. Stick bag that includes: – Please label all equipment and bags
  - Drum sticks – Vic Firth standard concert sticks
  - Xylophone/bell mallets – hard rubber
  - Timpani mallets – labeled “General”

### 2. Name Tag

Make sure instruments have some sort of name tag. Many cases look the same and an identifiable name tag helps to protect your investment. Include name, phone number, and *Rancho Pico Junior High School*.

### 3. Binder

It is HIGHLY recommended that students get a binder for band to protect their music.

- 1” binder (preferably a dark color)
- 5 Dividers
- Place for a couple of pencils

### 4. Pencil

Students should have a pencil on his/her music stand during class everyday.

### 5. Music Stand (for home practice)

If you do not have access to any of the suggested items listed above, please contact Mrs. Stoffel and supplies will be provided for use during class.

## INSTRUMENT STORAGE

Students may drop off their instruments in the band & orchestra room before school. The room is kept secure throughout the day and is NEVER left unlocked. MAKE SURE YOUR INSTRUMENT HAS A NAME TAG!

## CLASSROOM POLICIES

These policies are designed to create a sense of community and insure student success.

**Be Polite and Respectful:** Students will treat themselves and others around them with respect. Students will respect the directions of the teacher. Students will respect instruments and equipment. In short, students will behave like ladies and gentlemen.

**Be Responsible:** Students will take responsibility for their actions regarding behavior and grades. Students need to bring materials and assignments to each class and concert.

**No food/gum/devices.** Food and gum can be detrimental to equipment. Water bottles are allowed. Devices are an unnecessary distraction. Students have ample device time outside of class.

## GRADING & PRACTICE

Students earn their grades. You must keep up with assignments (including practice charts!). Students should practice 4-5 days per week. Grades will be based on the following:

### 40% Daily Participation

Students earn points for bringing materials and being attentive in class.

### 40% Playing Tests/Practice Charts/Written Assignments

Students will turn in weekly practice charts and play 5-8 playing tests per quarter during class time. Quality of practice is more valuable than quantity.

### 20% Performances

Concert performances are required. (please check calendar on front page)

## GRADING SCALE

Grades will be determined by the percentage of possible points earned:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	below 60%

## T-SHIRTS & HOODIES

T-Shirts and hoodies are just for fun! They are completely optional and are merely a way to show spirit and support for our music program. I love walking across campus and recognizing our amazing students when they wear their spirit gear!

T-Shirts and hoodies can be purchased online through Custom Ink. You may use The QR code here, or go to <https://www.customink.com/g/qng0-00cs-cak3>



T-Shirts - \$13.95  
Hoodies - \$28.64

Garments are priced based on estimated sales. Shirt orders are due **September 11, 2023**. Shirts will be passed out during class by the end of September.

# HANDBOOK SIGN-OFF PAGE

Please complete and return this page only by September 1, 2023

## 1. COURSE INFORMATION (required)

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional parent EMAIL (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- Yes!** My child has permission to watch "PG" films in class as described in the handbook.
- No!** My child does not have permission to watch "PG" films without separate permission.

## 2. FAIR SHARE DONATION & SEASON TICKET FUNDRAISER (optional)

If you'd like to make a donation, please complete. The suggested amount is \$50, however all donations are appreciated regardless of the amount!

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Credit card online - [www.ranchopicojuniorhigh.org](http://www.ranchopicojuniorhigh.org) in the RP Web Store  
*RP Web Store link is on the homepage on the center ribbon*

Personal check made payable to *Rancho Pico ASB*  
*please designate band or orchestra in the memo line and have student return to me*



### AMOUNT OPTIONS:

Sonata Level \$50-99  
Name listed in Winter & Spring concert programs acknowledging your donation

Rhapsody Level \$100-199  
Name listed in Winter & Spring concert programs acknowledging your donation  
1/2 page sized ad in the program  
Family tickets to ALL concerts  
Rancho Pico Band & Orchestra t-shirt —>Indicate t-shirt Size here (circle one): S M L XL XXL

Corporate Level \$200+  
Name listed in Winter & Spring concert programs acknowledging your donation  
**Full page ad** in Winter & Spring concert programs  
Family tickets to ALL concerts  
Rancho Pico Band & Orchestra Hoodie —>Indicate hoodie Size here (circle one): S M L XL XXL

Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

How you would like your name listed in the program:  
(i.e. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith, The Brown Family, etc.)

For Rhapsody and Corporate Levels, please attach an ad or email an ad file to [pstoffel@hartdistrict.org](mailto:pstoffel@hartdistrict.org) in .jpg or .pdf format. The same ad will be in both the winter and spring concerts.

## 3. PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (required)

Your signature acknowledges receipt of the handbook including course expectations, class rules, and required concert dates.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

