

# VALLEY CENTER BANDS

## WELCOME TO 6TH GRADE BAND



We are beyond excited to have your students return to the Valley Center Band Program! For new students entering the district, we will be holding an instrument try-out on Monday, August 14th during the 6th Grade Band Period. Senseney Music will be coming by the school to give students the opportunity to test different instruments such as flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone.

Valley Center Instrument Displays for 5th and 6th Band Students will be held Monday, August 21st or Tuesday, August 22nd from 4:30-7pm held in the VCIS Band Room. You and your parents will be able to look into purchasing or leasing a band instrument to use for the 6th Grade Band Class.

Students will check out cubbies beginning Friday, August 11th. Our goal is to begin playing Monday, August 14th. When students bring their supplies to class, make sure their name is tagged on ALL of their belongings including instrument cases, folders, books, reeds cases, etc.

### Grading Expectations:

- Practice cards will be due every Monday or first day of the week. Students are asked to practice 20 minutes/day for a total of 140 minutes each week. Practice cards and other homework (as assigned) will make up 30% of the band grade. They will begin the week of Monday, August 14th.
- Class participation (attendance with instrument/class materials) and behavior is worth 40%
- Performances are worth 30%.

### 6th Grade Band Concert Dates for 2022-2023


- November 6th, 2023 in the VCMS Gym (Report Time 6:30pm/Concert at 7pm)
- February 28th, 2024 in the VCMS Gym (Report Time 6:30pm/Concert at 7pm)
- May 8th, 2024 - DISTRICT MASS BAND CONCERT in the VCHS Gym (Report Time 6:30pm/Concert at 7pm)


### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Your instrument and supplies (reeds, cleaning cloths, valve oil, cork grease, etc.)
- Method Books (Tradition of Excellence Book 1 and Count Me In)
  - Tradition of Excellence Book 2 will be needed upon completion
- Pencil, Folder, and a Hardworking, Fun Attitude!

### CONTACT US

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