

## Let's Talk Music in White Bear Lake!



All 6<sup>th</sup> graders in White Bear Lake get to take music in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. You have three performance groups to choose from: band, choir, or orchestra.

Performing in an ensemble like choir, orchestra, or band is a great way to meet people, make new friends, and go to all sorts of cool places throughout your life. Performing in a musical ensemble has been shown to increase math and reading scores, as well as being a fun and different part of the school day where kids work together to create something beautiful and meaningful. Music in White Bear Lake is a valuable part of every student's education!

To learn more about the White Bear Lake Middle School Music Department, please watch this video: <a href="https://bit.ly/37fJ1DN">https://bit.ly/37fJ1DN</a>

<u>Orchestra:</u> In White Bear Lake, orchestra starts in 5th grade. Students who are already in the orchestra can continue their orchestra journey into 6th grade if they choose! Despite what the video says, if you missed orchestra in 5th grade but want to join, you can still sign up for 6th grade!

## **Have questions? Need help? Please contact:**

Central Middle School Orchestra - Becky Plachy Rebecca. Plachy@isd624.org
Sunrise Park Middle School Orchestra - Todd Weinhold Todd. Weinhold@isd624.org

<u>Choir:</u> In Choir we work on preparing our music for concerts, learning to read sheet music, ear training, and lots more! We also learn important life skills like teamwork and self-confidence. No previous experience or knowledge is necessary.

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Central Middle School Choir- Cassandra Telae <u>Cassandra.Telae@isd624.org</u> Sunrise Park Middle School Choir- Odelis Anderson <u>Odelis.Anderson@isd624.org</u>

**Band**: In White Bear Lake, we start band in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. No experience is necessary! You will work with a band teacher in the fall to select and begin learning your instrument! Check out our instruments and info on our website! <a href="https://bit.ly/3oRbS7f">https://bit.ly/3oRbS7f</a>

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