



### **Welcome to the 2023-2024 Cocopah Middle School Orchestra!**

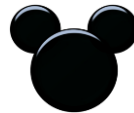
Our mission is to provide the highest quality orchestra program possible at Cocopah Middle School. We expect the best behavior out of our classes and strive to provide our students with the support they need to be successful, kind, hard-working, and well-rounded musicians. We have several exciting events planned including concerts, festivals, and field trips. We will keep you informed through ParentSquare, Google Classroom and our new website [www.chaporchestracommunity.com](http://www.chaporchestracommunity.com) as often as possible.



### **Orchestra Behavior Expectations**

Orchestra students will demonstrate PRIDE for Cocopah on and off campus. We will be *Positive, Respectful, Inspired, Determined, and Excellent* in all that we do. In the Orchestra, we also have three goals that, if collaboratively worked on together by both the teachers and students, will result in an amazing experience and highly developed musicianship for all.

1. **Be Safe!** Your instrument, music equipment, and the classroom space should all be used for their intended purposes and treated with respect.
2. **Do Your Best!** This means being on-time, being prepared with all materials, following instructions as best you can, and putting in your best effort into all you do.
3. **Be Kind!** Please be respectful of the time of teachers and your peers. Treat others as you want to be treated. Vandalism, theft, and disrespect will not be tolerated and will be referred to administration.



### **Orchestra Grading Procedures**

**Classwork / Homework / Quizzes (30%)** – Assignments in this category include music theory assignments, pop quizzes, practice records, occasional worksheets, and daily participation and attitude.

**Tests / Concerts (70%)** – Assessments consist of concerts, written and playing tests.

- **Tests** – Performance tests will be given periodically to check for musical growth in students' abilities; as such, practice is expected.
- **Concerts** – We have several major concerts throughout the year - check the calendar at the end of this packet for dates, times, and locations. We work hard to prepare and put on our best performance possible, so I expect 100% participation from all students.



### **Extra Credit**

- Private lessons outside of the school day will earn extra points credit each quarter. Please email Mrs. Roberts before the end of the quarter if this applies to you.
- If you attend a musical performance of any kind, write 2-3 paragraphs using musical vocabulary and knowledge to explain your thoughts on the performance (up to 10 extra credit points).

**Extra Help** – If you would like to receive extra help on any topic, please schedule an appointment with Mrs. Roberts. Private lessons are also highly encouraged and extremely beneficial for ALL students. Private teachers are posted on [www.chaporchestracommunity.com](http://www.chaporchestracommunity.com)



### Uniforms

**Concert Dress** is formal and uniform for all concerts: Black dress shirt with sleeves, black ankle-length skirt or black dress pants, black closed-toe dress shoes, black socks. Please make sure you follow the dress code for concerts. You can purchase these items anywhere, but there will be Amazon links posted on [www.chaporchestracommunity.com](http://www.chaporchestracommunity.com) to use as examples or for purchase. Please order early to allow for shipping.

**Music Department shirts** are expected to be worn for all field trips and on Spirit Days. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are going on the Disneyland trip need TWO shirts, one for each day in Disneyland. Ordering information will be distributed through ParentSquare.



### Orchestra Supplies

To perform at our highest level, please have the following items in class **every day**. We will have periodic checks in class to make sure all supplies are present, including music handed out in class, that will count for grades. If you need help acquiring any of these supplies, please let Mrs. Roberts know. There are links on Synergy to Amazon for the books as well as a list of local music stores.

- Black 1" 3-Ring binder (no clear overlay)
- Clear page protectors (at least 10)
- Essential Elements Book 1 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Only – Same as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Rosin
- Cleaning cloth (any small clean cloth)
- Shoulder rest (violin/viola only)
- End pin strap or rock stop (cello/bass)
- Pencil with eraser

### **Suggested Items**

- Metronome/Tuner (free phone apps available)
- Music stand for at-home practice

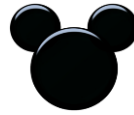


### Orchestra Field Trips and Expectations

All 7/8th Grade Orchestra students --- You're invited to go on our Annual Trip to California! This year we will be performing and attending a music sound workshop at Disneyland and California Adventures in California. It is expected that students will follow Orchestra Behavioral Expectations, Cocopah Code of Conduct, and observe all rules and expectations throughout the school year. This trip is a wonderful experience, and as such, failure to observe all rules could result in loss of eligibility as determined by administrators and your Mrs. Roberts. Trip information will be distributed at a parent meeting, in class, on Synergy and our class website once we have district approval to move forward with the trip.



6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be participating in field trips as well. Each year we go to the Musical Instrument Museum to watch a performance and tour the museum. 6<sup>th</sup> graders also get to go to the elementary schools in December to perform for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.



### **Communication**

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me so I can help. There are several ways to get a hold of me, but the fastest way to get a response is to email me. Students will be expected to join the Orchestra Google Classroom. Parents can also join Google Classroom to be able to see assignments.

In addition, we have a new Chaparral Orchestra Community website this year. It has a lot of useful information on it including our Calendar of Events, learning websites, fun videos and games, information about the Orchestra Parent Connection and more! A lot of answers to questions you may have can be found on this website!

I am so happy to have each and every one of you as a part of the Cocopah Middle School Orchestra Program. Please feel free to contact me anytime throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns. This is going to be an amazing year!

Musically Yours,

*Shana Roberts*



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## CMSO Calendar of Events 2023-2024

Parents & Students: Make note of these dates NOW to avoid conflicts.

**More details about these events can be found on [www.chaporchestracommunity.com](http://www.chaporchestracommunity.com).**

### August

- 10 – CMS Curriculum Night
- 15 – Mod Pizza Party Fundraiser (Scottsdale/Shea)

### September

- 6 – California Trip Parent Meeting 6:00pm (CMS Room M10)
- 12 – Orchestra Chipotle Night (Scottsdale/Shea) 4-8:00pm
- 29 – CA Deposit Receipt Due \$400 (7/8<sup>th</sup> ONLY)

### October

- 17 – California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser (all day)
- 24 - MS/HS Orchestra Glow Concert 6pm @ Chaparral HS\*  
Students must arrive 30 minutes BEFORE their scheduled performance time.

### November

- 4 – Goodwill Donation Drive (tentative)

### December

- 1 - CA Balance Receipt Due (7/8<sup>th</sup> ONLY)
- 18 - MS/HS Orchestra Concert @ Chaparral 6pm @ Chaparral HS\*  
Students must arrive by 5:15pm

### January

- 16 – Portillo's Night
- 24 – SUSD Honors Orchestra Festival by audition only (all day)
- 26 – CA Trip Paperwork & Medications DUE

### February

- 4 - Parada del Sol (8am-Noon)
- 13 - California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser (all day)
- 29-3/3 California Disneyland Trip – 7/8<sup>th</sup> grades only

### March

- 22-23 SUSD Arts Festival – Time is TBD

### April

- 9 – Creamistry Night – 4-8pm
- 27 - Orchestra Goodwill Donation Drive 10am-2pm
- 25 – Spring Concert 6pm @ Chaparral HS\*  
Students must arrive by 5:15pm
- 30 – MIM Field Trip, ALL 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades\*

\*Required for a grade.

Any additional performances and rehearsals will be communicated with as much notice as possible.



## Cocopah Middle School Orchestra Syllabus Acknowledgement Form



\*Sign and Print OR Email **THIS PAGE ONLY.**  
Please return by *Friday, August 11.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Preferred Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Parent Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

We have read the information in this handbook, checked the calendar dates for possible conflicts, and agree to help our student follow the guidelines and procedures outlined.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information in this handbook, checked the calendar dates for possible conflicts, and agree to follow the guidelines and procedures outlined herein.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have concerns or questions, please contact  
Mrs. Roberts at 480-484-6575 or [sroberts@susd.org](mailto:sroberts@susd.org)