



Saddleback Valley Unified School District



Instrumental Music



Fall 2002

Dear Parents of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Students:

Once again, students in grades four, five, and six will be involved in instruction in the performing arts by a team of highly qualified, credentialed music teachers. This year, all fourth grade students will participate in Performing Arts. The curriculum will include choral music, dance, and drama, and all students will learn to play the recorder, a flute-like instrument. Students in grade five who took Beginning Strings last year are encouraged to continue their studies and take Intermediate Strings. All other fifth grade students will participate in Performing Arts. Sixth grade students may choose to learn to play a brass or woodwind instrument in Band, continue on with Advanced Strings, or participate in Performing Arts. Students and parents should make careful decisions about participation in the music program. The music program has been redesigned this year, and once students have been placed into music classes, they will be committed to continuing in those classes throughout the entire school year.

In addition to the classes described above, all fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students may also choose to participate in the school chorus which will meet either before or after school. Continuation of our school chorus program is partly due to the contributions of Project HOPE, a community support group that raised money to enhance programs reduced or cut last year in order to maintain a balanced District budget.

The Instrumental Music Application (on the reverse side of this letter) describes instrument choices available to students. If your child is interested in participating in instrumental music, please complete the bottom portion of this application and have your child return it to his/her classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you!

