

Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

All incoming 5th grade students will select a music option as part of their schedule. Music is a part of the required related arts rotation for 5th grade.

Student Selection Options - students will select ONE

Band Only

Choir Only

Band **AND** Choir

General Music/Drama

Band Only

Prerequisite: Strongly recommended Summer band lessons (summer school) for all new band students. 6th grade band students are encouraged to take the summer band class to continue mastering basic fundamental skills. Parents can choose one of three evenings to attend an instrument fitting at TJMS. Mr. Prusinsky will be setting these dates real soon in March & April for parents to get rental information and for students to try instrument mouthpieces. Dates to sign up your child for a fitting time will be sent out well in advance from your child's elementary school office.

Description	All students will learn to play their instrument and continue to master basic fundamental skills important for practice and performance. We will play a variety of musical styles: Classical, Jazz, Blues, Latin, Rock. Students will also create their own music portfolio which will include sample recordings of their practice and performances.
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meets year-long every other day ● In <u>5th grade band</u>, classes will be broken up by instrument family to allow for direct instruction in the first year of playing those instruments. For example, woodwinds will be separate from brass and separate from percussion. ● Students perform in two concerts a year (December & May)

Choir Only

Prerequisite: None



Description	This course is for students who enjoy singing and participating in music! No audition required! Students will experience a wide variety of music as part of each of our three concerts throughout the year.
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meets year-long every other day ● Students perform in three concerts a year (December, March & May) ● Review and expand upon musical knowledge such as note and music reading skills, singing technique, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sing a variety of music including winter/holiday music, folk music, world music, and pop music. ● Students in choir are eligible to participate in the school musical. <i>Students must be in 5th grade choir to participate in this after school activity as part of the cast and/or crew.</i>
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Band AND Choir

Prerequisite: See band & choir prerequisites.

Description	See descriptions of band and choir classes above.
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meets year-long every other day ● Students will alternate between attending band and choir. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: In an “A-B” schedule students may attend band/choir on A day and gym on B day. In a four day rotation, students would attend band on the first A day and choir on the second A day. Arrangements will be made with teachers closer to concert days if students are needed more frequently. ● Students will receive a small group pull-out lesson once a week for 10-15 minutes. These will be scheduled with the grade level/team teachers to provide the least amount of disruption to that class's learning environment. ● Students perform in all band and choir concerts throughout the year

General Music/Drama

Prerequisite: None

Description	<p>Students will spend one year in general music/drama class where they will expand upon their previous knowledge of music history and music appreciation through the use of singing, instruments, and technology. Students will study music from Baroque, Classical and Romantic time periods as well as be exposed to folk music. Students will also be introduced to a variety of improvisation and acting activities while exploring the use of verbal and non-verbal communication skills.</p> <p>These classes will be heavily project based compared to band or choir.</p>
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Class meets every other day for 1 full year ● A ‘non-performance’ music class, meaning there are no public concerts/performances for this class