



# RCS MS/HS MUSIC PROGRAMS

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

*Symphonic Band*

*Pep/Jazz Band*

*Concert Choir*

*Bach to Rock*

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Concert Band*

*MS Chorus*

# JOIN MUSIC IN THE '23-'24 SCHOOL YEAR!

My name is Mr. Lybeck and I am thrilled to share with all of you the wonderful offerings we are adding for 7-12 students at Rancho in the '23-'24 school year! Included in this letter you will find general info, class and program information, and helpful links where you can learn more about what it takes to be involved in music here at RCS. Please feel free to email me with any extra questions you may have!

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*Why music?*

## MUSIC ENHANCES BRAIN FUNCTION

[See how by clicking here!](#)

### Other studies on music learning:

Scientific American's (2010) board of editors asserted, "Studies have shown that assiduous instrument training from an early age can help the brain to process sounds better, making it easier to stay focused when absorbing other subjects, from literature to tensor calculus." [Hearing the music, honing the mind. \(2010\). Scientific American, 303\(5\), 16.](#)

The combined results of 12 experimental studies indicate a positive relationship between voluntary music study and math achievement.

[Vaughn, K. \(2000\). Music and mathematics: Modest support for the oft-claimed relationship. Journal of Aesthetic Education, 34\(3/4\), 149-66.](#)

[More resources found here!](#)

## Band/Choir Destinations



**HS Groups:**  
**HAWAII**  
**TOUR**

**MS Groups:**  
**Music In the**  
**Parks @**  
**DISNEYLAND**



*group information*

# WHAT DO WE OFFER?

## HS Symphonic Band

Our high school-level concert band in which experience is recommended. Multiple performances a year and one long-distance trip in the Spring.

Those wishing to join without experience may be asked to take private lessons in conjunction with this course. Standard concert band instrumentation offered ([Instrument Guide](#)). A link to more info can be found [here](#).

## HS Concert Choir

Our current choir offering is a mixed-voice traditional choral group for High School students. No formal choir experience is needed to be a part of this group; in fact, we encourage inexperienced singers to sign up! Multiple performances per year and one out-of-state trip in the Spring. A link to more info can be found [here](#).

Info on Pep/Jazz Band:

["Screechin' Eagles" Pep Band](#)  
["Blue Note" Jazz Band](#)

## MS Concert Band

Our middle school-level concert band in which experience is recommended, but not required. Multiple performances a year and one local trip in the Spring. Standard concert band instrumentation offered ([Instrument Guide](#)). A link to more info can be found [here](#).

## MS Chorus

Our current choir offering is a mixed-voice traditional choral group for Middle School students. No formal choir experience is needed to be a part of this group; in fact, we encourage inexperienced singers to sign up! Multiple performances per year and one local trip in the Spring. A link to more info can be found [here](#).

## Bach to Rock (HS)

A high school music elective that introduces students to the basics of concepts such as tone, pitch, rhythm, music notation, and general musical skill. Students will also be given a survey overview of the history of music from the time of W. A. Mozart to the time of Elvis Presley. No musical skills needed!

