

Roosevelt High School Music Department

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide guidelines and resources for the Roosevelt High School music program to facilitating the re-structure and delivery of quality music instruction during the COVID-19 era and beyond.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The student's emotional well-being is and should be our first and foremost concern. With the changes that are impacting our traditional school environments, the performing arts are more critical than ever before to the ongoing development and health of our students.

Band, orchestra and music have long been reported to contribute to the positive social and emotional growth of students. Transitioning from middle and high school can be a stressful time for students. Participating in band or other music classes allows them the stability of being in a peer group, enabling them the opportunity to feel accepted by others. Students taking these classes find themselves socializing with a diverse group of people. Additional benefits to music classes include maintaining focus, recognizing individual artistic ability, relating with others, and being a part of a team. The arts provide a stable environment for these students to blossom and positively influences their social and emotional well-being.

BAND & ORCHESTRA CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

ENTERING & EXITING THE CLASSROOM

- Students should remain outside the music building or auditorium maintaining social distancing until instructed to enter. Social distance markings have been spray painted on the ground. Students are to remain in the classroom until instructed to leave.
- Only one student (male & female) will be allowed to use the restroom at any given time.
- Any student who is feeling sick or exhibits COVID-19 symptoms will not be admitted into the classroom and will be referred to the school health care nurse. All referrals will be reported to the school principal and administration. Temperature checks can be administered upon request from parents.
- We ask that if your child exhibits any signs of an illness to keep them at home.

SEATING AREA

- Chairs and music stands have been placed 6 feet apart. Students will be instructed where to sit in regards to the instrument that they play.
- Chairs and music stands will be cleaned and disinfected after each class.
- Brass players are required to have their own spit containers. They will be responsible for rinsing their own container at the end of each class and take it home with them. We will provide one for students who do not have a container. Containers are not to be left in the music room.
- All students will be required to wear a mask while they are in the music building. We will have some disposable masks (\$1.00) for students who do not have one.
- Flutes will be required to purchase a face shield (\$3.00) from me.
- Oboes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Bass Clarinet, and all brass players will be required to have a bell cover for their instrument. My wife has sewn these covers at no cost to the students. They will not be allowed to play their instrument without a bell cover.
- Percussion students will be required to wear disposable gloves when playing their instrument and wipe down their instrument before class ends.
- Disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizers will be available for the students. It is highly recommended that each student carry their own small bottle of hand sanitizer at all times.
- Music building classroom(s) will be disinfected after every class.

INSTRUMENTS

- If you are in need of an instrument, please email me and indicate what instrument you play. Students who have their own personal instrument are asked to use them. We have over 300 students signed up for band and orchestra and I am anticipating a shortage with some school instruments. We are also anticipating a substantial budget cut for our department and as of now we need to utilize those funds for maintaining and repairing of instruments. However, we will make sure that all students that need an instrument will have one.
- **AT NO TIME STUDENTS ARE TO SHARE OR PLAY ANOTHER STUDENTS INSTRUMENT WHICH INCLUDES ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTS!!!**
- Students will need to check to see that they have all accessory items for their respective instrument. Please see accompanying list of items that they will need. If you already have these items such as a mouthpiece, you do not need to purchase anything. Purchase only what you need.
- **Please also see the attachment in regards to disinfecting instruments. Students should be doing this a least once a week.**
- Please be aware that accessory items are currently in short supply due to the closure of the instrument manufacturing plants. Stores such as Music Center of Hawai'i and Easy Music Store have some items available. I also have a supply of reeds and other accessories but be sure to have any items you need BEFORE you return to class.

CONCERT ATTIRE

- Please see attached order form for the concert attire. We will be measuring the students the first week of school so please do not fill in any of the sizes. We would like to have forms and payment turned in by August 14th. If you need an extension please contact me. Turnaround time is about 4 weeks and if we need to exchange any item(s), it would take an additional two weeks.

COMMUNICATION

Listed below are the approved forms of communication:

- Phone (Cell/Home/Work)
- Email: Charms (Parents & Students), DOE
- Music Department Web Site
- Virtual Platform: WebEx, Microsoft Teams
- Music Department Phone

ADDITIONAL FORMS

- Additional forms will be handed out during the first week of school. Most of those forms will require parent's signature. Please ask your child for these forms.

Video Release Form for music department

Music Booster Form

Class Syllabus (available on Google Classroom)

Music Department Handbook

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- After reading through your procedures begin to get all of your supplies and needs ready. Please remember that due to the new state guidelines you will need to provide personal items to avoid sharing and promote proper and safe hygiene.
- PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO YOUR EMAILS as you will be receiving daily/weekly updates from your director and student leaders.
- PRACTICE!!! PRACTICE!!! PRACTICE!!! Everyone will need to do their part when you are distance learning at home.
- Wear your face masks when you are in the classroom and out on campus.
- Wash your hands and carry your own small bottle of hand sanitizer.
- Be aware and respect social distancing.
- **DO NOT SHARE FOOD AND DRINKS DIRECTLY.**

We must all continue to be vigilant and contribute to keeping everyone safe. Your good choices also do a lot to save lives as well as your school learning activities. Please remember that it will only take one act of inconsiderate behavior to ruin it for everyone. Take care of each other!!!