

# Frequently Asked Questions

## *Can I take four years of music courses?*

Yes!! You take music classes all four years and more than one class per year. Participation in high school music programs is one of the best things to have on your transcript when applying for college. Admission officials love to see commitment to a music group that spans a student's high school career.



## *Can freshmen join the Jazz and Symphonic Bands?*

Only if there are openings available and they meet the high standards for musicianship. All incoming freshman and new members must successfully audition for entry.

Contact Mr. Tribuzi right away for more information on auditions.



## *What are the requirements for participation in Orchestra?*

String Orchestra is open to all string players regardless of level. The course is designed to get less experienced players contributing to the large ensemble quickly and to challenge the more advanced players. The String Orchestra performs great music from a variety of genres.



## **Make Music at Mateo!**

## *Can freshmen take Marching Band?*

Yes they can. Most freshman and others new to the music program do take Marching Band. It gets them right into the Mateo spirit and gives them a chance to travel to competitions and join the annual band tour. There is no audition requirement. If you want to march, you are welcome to join.



## *Is there a place for me in the Marching Band if I don't play an instrument?*

There is! Our Color Guard / Winter Guard, directed by April Pietsch, is an award-winning group open to all.

If you are interested, contact Mrs. Pietsch right away for details.

## Instrumental Music Course Offerings

Concert Band  
Chamber Orchestra  
(Bella Sinfonia)  
Marching Band  
Symphonic Band  
Jazz Band  
Color Guard/Winter Guard



Directed by Attilio Tribuzi



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## Major Events 2022-2023

**Field Show**  
(Little Big Game)  
Nov 5, 2022

**Halloween Concert**  
Oct 27, 2022

**Winter Concert**  
Dec 7, 2022

**Jazz at Mateo**  
(JAM)  
Feb 15, 2023

**San Mateo Winter Show and Clinic**  
Feb 25, 2023

**Spring Disneyland Tour**  
April TBD

**Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade**  
May 29, 2023

For full calendar of events:  
<http://www.bearcatmusic.org/calendar.html>

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