

3rd Grade Recorder Band

Students will perform in two concerts, the Christmas concert and the Spring concert. Additionally, students will play Music Bingo in order to learn rhythms and music theory. The 3rd Grade recorder band also plays at local retirement communities.



4th Grade Band

Each fall students try out each of the instruments to find out which ones they are best suited for. After a choice has been made, students work on proficiency on each of their instruments through performing in the Christmas and Spring concerts. Additionally, playing for the SPCS Open House has been a good showcase of their abilities.

5th Grade Band

After a year of playing on their instrument, students look forward to new challenges such as playing scales, balance, intonation and new rhythms. Students will play in both SPCS concerts, the Christmas concert, and the Spring concert. Additionally, students will be playing with our faculty for this year's Spring concert.

Middle School Band

Middle School band is a time for our students to really invest in their instrument. Students spend a great deal of time each week honing their skills. Each semester, new repertoire is chosen to challenge the students in new ways. Along with the SPCS concerts and Pep Rallies, the Middle School band has played at Tampa International Airport, ACSI Band Festival, and FBA Solo and Ensemble contest.



Curriculum Facts and Course Description

3rd Grade Recorder: Recorder Karate, Published by Plank Road Publishers

At the heart of this method is a positive reward system in which students receive colored "karate belts" to hang from their recorders for each progressively more difficult tune. Students will learn basic techniques of playing the recorder as well as basic music theory.

4th Grade Band: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1, Published by Hal Leonard

Students will choose their own instrument based on the recommendation of the director and their ability and interest level. Additionally, students will learn basic techniques such as instrument care and maintenance, creating a musical tone, music literacy, rhythm and critical listening skills.

5TH Grade Band: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 and Book 2, Published by Hal Leonard

Students will continue working on their selected instrument. Also, greater emphasis is placed on individual and ensemble playing techniques, dynamics, technical skills, intonation and articulation.

Middle School Band: Superior Bands in Sixteen Weeks, Published by FHJ Music Company Inc.; Foundations for Superior Performance, Published by Neil A. Kjos Music Co.; Additional music chosen by the Director

Students will spend a large amount of time working on intonation, balance within the ensemble, advanced technical skills and intermediate articulation skills. Continuing, the ensemble music chosen for the Christmas concert and the Spring concert will be challenging. The Middle School Band also has many different playing opportunities throughout the school year.

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