## OY HIGH SCHOOL ARRIORS



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



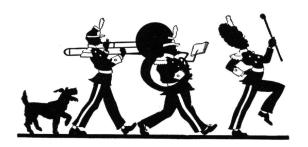
Marching Band and Color Guard Advanced String Orchestra Symphony Orchestra Symphonic Band Wind Symphony **Concert Band** 

Incoming Instrumental Music Freshmen Meeting Wednesday, April 15th at 7 pm at Troy High School in the North Gym. Any questions or concerns about the meeting, please contact Mr. Castillo via email at jcastillo@fjuhsd.org.

Jazz Bands Guitar

The Troy High School Instrumental Music Department has been a constant part of school life since Troy opened in 1964. The program has gone through many changes over the decades and has become the largest music program in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. These musical groups have represented Troy High School and the city of Fullerton in Hawaii, New Orleans, San Francisco, and various sites throughout Southern California including Temecula, Santa Barbara, and Disneyland. There are currently 300 students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Department. Many students in the program are not only involved in music but in sports, drama, ROTC, Troy Tech, and IB.





The Warrior Band and Color Guard are the most visible of all these groups. The marching band has over 160 musicians and color guard members. They perform at band competitions, parades, and various school activities such as football games and pep rallies. All students that wish to join can enroll whether or not they have prior musical experience. The only requirement is a willingness to work hard and have fun.

Along with marching band, there are 3 concert bands. The Concert Band is exclusively for freshmen. By practicing among peers in their grade, these freshmen will be able to develop their abilities for higher level band music. It is also an opportunity for members to develop leadership skills that may help them not only

in the selection for leadership positions within the Concert Band but also, throughout the Band Program. Prior music experience is important but not required. The Symphonic Band is for  $10^{th}$ - $12^{th}$  grade students. Students wishing to enroll into Symphonic Band must have prior music experience. This ensemble performs high school level music in several concerts. By audition only, the Wind Symphony is available to  $10^{th}$ - $12^{th}$  graders. This ensemble performs advanced high school and college level music. All the concert bands go to music festivals in the spring where they are evaluated by a panel of adjudicators.



After a 20 year absence, the string program restarted in the fall of 2000 with an enrollment of about 40 students. Since then, the Symphony Orchestra has grown to include as many as 115 musicians. The orchestra also performs at concerts and music festivals. Enrollment into the orchestra is open, even for students with little or no musical experience. Some sections have limited enrollment (flute, clarinet, percussion, etc.). In the spring of 2011, the String Orchestra was added to the list of performance groups. This group is by audition only. At its first festival performance, the String Orchestra received a "Unanimous Superior" rating. A Superior rating is the highest mark an adjudicator can give a concert group. A "Unanimous Superior" means that a group received a "Superior" from all the adjudicators at a single site.



The Jazz Band at Troy High School is open to all students wishing to play jazz music. It encompasses many styles including blues, swing, Latin, jazz, and rock. They perform in school concerts and other events. Students must have some musical background to enroll into Jazz Band. Along with the Jazz Band, there are other jazz groups that meet outside the regular school schedule. Meeting outside of school hours, these groups welcome membership to all students enrolled in the instrumental music program without academic credit.

Within the entire instrumental music program, there are many other groups to perform with that are not in the regular school schedule. They include but are not limited to:

Flute Choir Saxophone Choir Clarinet Choir Clarinet Quintet Brass Choir Herald Trumpets

Brass Quintet String Quartet
Winter Drum Line Jazz Combo

Students have also formed their own bands.

The Troy High School Winter Drum Line is a competitive percussion ensemble that is active in the spring semester. They perform shows similar to a marching band but on a basketball court instead of a football field. Spring of 2012, the Winter Drum Line took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their division.

Guitar is an opportunity for any student wishing to learn to play guitar. The main focus of the course is teaching students how to read music and play in a small group. Although this class is designed for beginners, students with a musical background are welcome to enroll.



Another part of the program includes the Color Guard. The Color Guard is the combination of dance and use of equipment such as flags, rifles, and sabres. This unit performs with the marching band to enhance the visual performance of their show. At the end of the marching band season, the color guard (Winter Guard for the spring semester) prepares a show to perform at competitions specific to color guard. All students are invited to try out. They have received 2 Gold Medals and 1 silver in the last 5 years.



If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please join us for our information meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 7 pm in the North Gym.

Please join us for our concerts as our guests for FREE!!! Show valid Junior High ID at the door. One admittance per ID.

Feb 28– Bands Concert March 6 – Orchestras Concert

April 24 – Jazz Concert May 8 – End of the Year Concert

Other dates to know: July 27 – Aug 7 – Band Camp Aug 10 – First Day of School



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