



Sierra Vista Middle School Instrumental Music



Ars Gratia Artis

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your child's participation in Instrumental Music at Sierra Vista Middle School. Sierra Vista has one of the strongest middle school music programs in Orange County and the reason for that is because of the tremendous support our community has for the arts and arts education. In my thirteen years as Director of Instrumental Music, the participation level of our ensembles has increased and now represents almost 1/3rd of the school population.

During this time period, SVMS has been blessed by the generosity of parents that have helped tremendously to keep our program going. With the large amount of students now involved in instrumental music, our budgetary constraints have made it difficult for us to sustain our program at the level of quality that our community has grown to expect. To help with this issue, I would like to suggest a minimum donation of \$20 per family which will cover expenses throughout the year. The breakdown of how that money has been used in the past is listed below:

- Instruments - 32%
- Sheet music - 20%
- Repairs - 25%
- Supplies - 16%
- Coaches and guest clinicians - 7%

If every family participates, we will

- have no fundraisers
- continue to offer free admission to our concerts and,
- not ask for donations again (participation fees for festival and Disneyland will be collected later in the year).

Do know that your contribution is 100% tax deductible and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Miller, Director of Instrumental Music
Sierra Vista Middle School

Dr. Lynn Matassarini, Principal
Sierra Vista Middle School



Please return the bottom portion of this slip to indicate that you read the above information.

Student Name: _____ Class period: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Please attach your check made out to "Sierra Vista Middle School"