



Corona del Sol Band and Percussion

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The Largest Band Program in Arizona!

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“Core” Band Classes Offered:

- **4 Leveled Concert Bands** (full year elective class during the school day)
 - **Brass Freshmen:** Sign up for “Intermediate Band” (**MUS 310**)
 - **Woodwind Freshmen:** Sign up for “JV Band” (**MUS 320**)
- **4 Leveled Percussion Ensembles** (full year elective class during the school day)
 - **Percussion Freshmen:** Sign up for “Percussion” (**MUS 335**)

“Extra” Band Classes Offered:

- **Marching Band** (0 Hour - 1st semester only)
 - Must be **also** signed up for a concert band or percussion ensemble class (except color guard members)
 - Sign up for “Marching Band” (**MUS 300Z**) on the ZERO HOUR line
 - There is **no** zero hour fee of \$175 for marching band
 - **Sign up even if you are unsure if you will do it**
- **Jazz Band** (0 Hour - 2nd semester only)
 - Must be **also** signed up for a concert band or percussion class.
 - Sign up for “Jazz Band” (**MUS 350Z**) on the ZERO HOUR line
 - **Sign up even if you are unsure if you will do it**
- **Steel Drum Band** (0 Hour - 2nd semester only)
 - Must be **also** signed up for a concert band or percussion class.
 - Sign up for “World Music Class” (**MUS 670Z**) on the ZERO HOUR line
 - **Sign up even if you are unsure if you will do it**

Be sure to sign up for classes using these course numbers and show to your Middle School Band Director before turning your forms in!





Corona del Sol Aztec Marching Band

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Important Dates

ALL incoming freshmen students interested in Marching Band:

Parent & Student Information Meeting – Monday, January 27 – 6:30 pm (Corona Band Room C169)

Woodwind and Brass Players:

-- Both audition days are required to attend. --

Friday, February 21 – Woodwind & Brass Marching Band AUDITION Day 1 (5:45 pm- 9 pm)

Friday, March 27 – Woodwind & Brass Marching Band AUDITION Day 2 (5:45 pm- 9 pm)

(Everyone interested in Marching Band should attend these rehearsals. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and shoes, bring a large water bottle, and an instrument. Meet in the Band Room C-169 just off of Knox Road, across the street from Arizona Community Church)

Percussion (Drumline and Pit):

SEE PERCUSSION FLYER for dates/times

(Everyone interested in playing in pit and drumline should attend these rehearsals.

Meet in the Percussion Room C-170 just off of Knox Road, across the street from Arizona Community Church)

Color Guard (Flags, Dancers):

SEE GUARD FLYER for dates/times

ALL MEMBERS: July 13-18 – Marching BAND CAMP in the cool pines of Prescott, AZ!

(required for all Marching Band members – please schedule your vacations accordingly)

OTHER SUMMER REHEARSALS – to be scheduled, they will be posted on the website. Required if you are in town. If you are on vacation, please email a director prior to the rehearsal to excuse the absence

Calendar also online at: www.coronabands.com

If you can't make it to an audition/rehearsal, please contact:

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Corona del Sol Marching Band

Frequently Asked Questions

When can we get more information about the band, costs, and camp?

The Marching Band has a mandatory informational meeting for all new member students and parents. We discuss the details of the marching band auditions, our booster organization, the schedule, band fees, band camp, and more! **This meeting is on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Band Room (C-169).** The Band Room is located just off of Knox Road (south side of the street) across the street from the Arizona Community Church. All parents that will have a freshmen or new member to the Marching Band should attend this meeting!

How do I audition into the Marching Band?

We do training sessions and auditions for each section in the band. We encourage all students to attend all the rehearsals leading up to the auditions to be prepared. See dates on previous page and attend the January 27 meeting for more information.

What is the Color Guard?

The color guard is our dance ensemble that performs with the marching band. They provide the color and emotion to our halftime shows. The guard performs with various items such as flags, prop rifles, sabres, and swords. Go to coronabands.com and click on "Media" then "Videos" to see everything the guard contributes to our show! No previous experience is required – although previous dance experience is a plus. Many friends of band members who do not play band instruments choose to join color guard (including dancers, choir members, orchestra members, and more!). Encourage anyone you know to come to our meeting on January 27 if they are interested in color guard!

Are there any special instruments the students play?

All our baritone/euphonium players and trombone players play on special marching baritones. French horn players play on special marching horns called mellophones. Tuba players play on sousaphones. The school provides all these specialty instruments. We have a small supply of school flutes, clarinets, trumpets, and saxophones available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students will be taught how to play these in the rehearsals leading up to Band Camp.

How much does marching band cost?

At Corona we pride ourselves on having the lowest band fees of any school in the area (other schools nearby charge twice as much per student as our band!) The fees help pay for staff, music, flags, travel, trucks, and more. We will talk about the details of our fees at the January 27 meeting. Marching Band members also go to Band Camp on July 13-18, 2020 to learn teamwork, marching skills, and music for our show. Band Camp can be paid through the tax credit program. There is also an out-of-state trip the band takes to compete each fall which is covered by fees. More information will be discussed at the January 27 meeting!

Should freshmen do Marching Band?

Absolutely! It's a great way to meet new friends and make a large high school feel smaller by having 200 new friends before school starting. **Freshmen year is the best time to try marching band.**



The Benefits of Music Education in the Corona del Sol Band

Music Education helps prepare young people to think creatively, learn how to work collaboratively, and to become disciplined, critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Research shows that students who receive a comprehensive, sequential music education taught by exemplary music educators do better in overall school achievement, social development, success in society, and earning potential.

Times are very tight fiscally, and music education is under threat in many places. However, our school administrators are great supporters of the Corona del Sol Band Program – we are lucky that music is allowed to survive and thrive here! After all, music and the arts are considered a “core” subject in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Here’s a few reasons your student should consider joining the band at Corona:

- Middle school and high school students who participated in instrumental music scored significantly higher than their non-band peers in standardized tests. University studies found significant correlations between the number of years of instrumental music instruction and academic achievement in math, science and language arts.
 - Source: *University of Sarasota Study, Jeffrey Lynn Kluball; East Texas State University Study, Daryl Erick Trent*
- High school band students score higher on SATs in both verbal and math than their peers. In 2001, SAT takers with coursework/experience in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and 41 points higher on the math portion than students with no coursework/experience in the arts.
 - Source: *Profile of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, The College Board, compiled by Music Educators National Conference, 2001*
- A ten-year study, tracking more than 25,000 students, shows that music-making improves test scores. Regardless of socioeconomic background, music-making students get higher marks in standardized tests than those who had no music involvement. The test scores studied were not only standardized tests, such as the SAT, but also in reading proficiency exams.
 - Source: *Dr. James Catterall, UCLA, 1997*
- College-age musicians are emotionally healthier than their non-musician counterparts. A study conducted at the University of Texas looked at 362 students who were in their first semester of college. They were given three tests, measuring performance anxiety, emotional concerns and alcohol related problems. In addition to having fewer battles with substance abuse, researchers also noted that the college-aged music students seemed to have surer footing when facing tests.
 - Source: *Houston Chronicle, January 11, 1998*
- Music majors are the most likely group of college grads to be admitted to medical school. Physician and biologist Lewis Thomas studied the undergraduate majors of medical school applicants. He found that 66 percent of music majors who applied to med school were admitted, the highest percentage of any group. For comparison, (44 percent) of biochemistry majors were admitted. Also, a study of 7,500 university students revealed that music majors scored the highest reading scores among all majors including English, biology, chemistry and math.
 - Sources: *"The Comparative Academic Abilities of Students in Education and in Other Areas of a Multi-focus University," Peter H. Wood, ERIC Document No. ED327480 "The Case for Music in the Schools," Phi Delta Kappan, February, 1994*