

Any Questions?

Please feel free to contact the
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6th Grade Band, Chorus and Orchestra at Crone Middle School



We are what we repeatedly
do. Excellence, then, is not an
act, but a habit.

-Aristotle

We encourage you to check-out
the Crone Music Department
website to familiarize yourself
with all aspects of the music
department and to see what your
student can expect as a student in
our ensembles. The music
department website also has links
to the Band, Orchestra and
Chorus Department websites.

<http://cronemusic.weebly.com/>



You can also visit the Neuqua
Valley High School Music
Department website for more
information. The District 204
Beginning Instrumental Music
Handbook is available on the
high school website.

www.neuquamusic.org

We are very excited that your child has decided to be a member of the music department at Crone Middle School!

The Indian Prairie School Board lists 21st Century Skills as a primary goal for all students. The frameworks of those skills are "**The Four Cs**": **Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, and Collaboration**, all qualities that are inherent in the development of a young musician.

The board goals state that every student must be:

- A critical thinker
- A problem solver
- An innovator
- An effective communicator
- A self-directed learner

Students in a music education setting have always received this kind of experience and developed these skills. Young musicians explore expression, creativity and learn critical thinking through developing musicianship and the ability to interpret works of art. Music students also develop communication and collaboration skills by working together as an ensemble towards their shared goals. Each student contributes to the positive rehearsal environment as they learn to listen to each other, move together and watch the conductor.

Live Music Performance Opportunities in Our Area

We are fortunate to live in a community that is rich with a variety of excellent music groups of all ages. Look for opportunities to share this music with your child. Please check-out their websites below for concert information.

Naperville Municipal Band

<http://www.napervilleband.org/>

Dupage Symphony Orchestra

www.dupagesymphony.org

Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.foxvalleyorchestra.org>

Young Naperville Singers

<http://youngnapervillesingers.org/>

Musical Websites to explore:

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Kids

<http://www.dsokids.com>

San Francisco Symphony Kids

<http://sfskids.org>

The Broader Minded Movement

<http://www.broaderminded.com>

Online Note Trainer

<http://classic.musictheory.net/82>

Once my student starts their middle school music studies, how can I best support them?

Make music a part of your family's schedule! Just as students achieve more success at homework by doing it at the same time each day, when practice is part of a daily routine it becomes familiar and comfortable. You will grow to enjoy listening to their improving sounds daily! A commitment of 10-15 minutes will be sufficient for a beginning instrumental student.

Encourage the sounds that you hear! In the beginning you may be surprised at the volume or quality of sound that you hear. Remember that these are necessary steps on the road to becoming a proficient musician, just as stumbles are important for a toddler who is learning to walk. Encouraging your child and telling them when you recognize a song or hear improvement will go a long way!

After school instruction starts, you may want to consider the benefits of private instruction! We do want students to wait and start all together in their middle school music class, but working with a private instructor once they start will boost their confidence and reinforce their developing skills. Your child's sixth grade music teacher will be able to provide a list of private instructors.