

Valley Academy Band

Hello parents and future band students! My name is Josiah Matangi, and I will be the band director for the 2022-2023 school year. I began learning piano at the age of 5 and as I became older I picked up several different instruments throughout the years; some learned through professional teachers and others self-taught. I have played in several various bands and orchestras and in addition, have been teaching music now for 6 years and am so excited to be able to teach band here at Valley Academy this year.

There will be two bands open to students 4th- 8th grade, beginner and advanced. When beginner students have reached an acceptable level of proficiency on their instrument, they will be placed in the advanced band. Band will officially start on August 15th and after that first week the band will be separated into the two ensembles. The meeting times and days for these two ensembles are listed below.

<i>Beginner Band</i>	<i>Advanced Band</i>
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	Tuesday and Thursday
7:00 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.

Valley Academy is partnering with Milano Music company to assist in instrumental rentals and will be having a band night on Thursday August 18th so that you can see the different instruments we will have in band and find the instrument that is right for your child.

As a band student, members will perform in several concerts throughout the year. Please note that attendance in band is very important to the success of the ensemble. When you are late, forget your instrument, or don't show up to both rehearsals and concerts, the whole ensemble suffers. Please make sure to attend all rehearsals and concerts.

Many students will find it beneficial to take private lessons. Private lessons give the student individual instrument specific feedback that helps them to progress quickly. A number of teachers are located throughout the valley, including myself. If you are interested in lessons, please make sure you find a qualified teacher.

I welcome any questions you may have, so feel free to contact me at band@valleyacademy.com with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Josiah Matangi