

Welcome...

...to our music family! We are excited to be a part of your musical journey! This informational brochure provides the *Nuts and Bolts*, or the most important information that you need to know to get started with the school year.

To find all of the information, please visit the Music Department Website (<http://www.passagemusic.org>), and view / download the **Music Department Handbook**. We are looking forward to working with you throughout your musical journey!

Musically Yours,
Shawn Roberts, Director of Orchestras
Mike Bell, Director of Bands
Valerie Moore, Assistant Director of Bands
Arlisa Powell, Director of Choirs

First Steps...

- Visit the **Music Department Website** and download the **Music Department Handbook**
- Visit **Charms Office Assistant** and set-up / verify your Charms Office Account Information.
- Complete the **Membership Agreement Form**, the **Blue Emergency Card**, and the **Instrument Rental Form**
- Band/Orchestra Students: Follow your ensemble's **Instagram Page** - @passagemSORchestra; @passagemSband
- 7th/8th Graders: Verify your **Google Classroom Account** and visit your class' page

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NUTS AND BOLTS

FEES

Fees for the 2018-2019 School Year have been set by NNPS. While students will NEVER be removed from music due to an inability to pay, it is very important to your child's music education that your child's fees are paid. If you cannot pay your fees by September 15th, please contact your child's director to make the appropriate arrangements.

Band / Orchestra Fees

Beginners

- Participation Fee: \$10.00
- Rental Fee: \$35.00
- Polo Shirt Fee: \$15.00

Intermediate / Advanced

- Participation Fee: \$10.00
- Rental Fee: \$50.00
- Uniform Cleaning Fee: \$15.00
8th Grade Orchestra Only

Chorus Fees

- Participation Fee: \$5.00
- Polo Shirt Fee: \$15.00

Parents: In the Passage Middle School Music Department, we believe the key to success for each and every student musician is the three-way partnership: Musicianship + Three-way Partnership = SUCCESS!

BAND / ORCHESTRA GRADING POLICIES

- In-Class Participation: **20%**
- After-School Rehearsals / Projects*: **10%**
- Playing/Written Tests/Quizzes: **30%**
- Performances: **40%**

CHORUS GRADING POLICIES

- Participation: **30%**
- Written/Singing Tests/Quizzes: **30%**
- Performances: **40%**

AT-HOME PRACTICE

All students are expected to practice every evening for as long as necessary to be well prepared for each in-class rehearsal, at a minimum of five nights per week. In addition, minimum practice times are as follows:

- 6th Grade: 20 minutes per night
- 7th Grade: 25 minutes per night
- 8th Grade: 30 minutes per night

Practice records have been discontinued for the upcoming school year. At-home Practice will be assessed through announced and unannounced playing tests/quizzes throughout the year.

