

Pacific Trails Middle School

Music Program

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Class: Vocal Performance

Course Overview: Vocal Performance provides students with a variety of musical experiences and activities while developing skills in singing, listening, reading and writing music. Students will learn the basic skills of music like reading music and understanding musical terminology, and they will have opportunities to learn other instruments, such as piano, guitar, ukulele, and percussion instruments, while learning to sing in different languages from all over the world. Vocal Performance encourages interest in music from diverse cultures and historical periods. Vocal Performance will be participating in multiple public performances, including a Forums Music Festival with a 2 day trip to Disneyland on March 17th and 18th. Public performances are mandatory. Conflicts in schedules should be worked out 2 weeks before a performance to allow time to have specific parts covered by other students.

Purpose of Course: Vocal Performance is a multi-level class designed to develop vocal skills and techniques to get students ready for high school choir. Students will develop these skills as they prepare to sing in large and small groups for public performances. Students will gain a multicultural education as they learn to annunciate and sing in other languages while learning about other cultures.

Uniforms are required for each public concert and consist of an all-black dress of knee length or more and covered shoulders, or black dress pants and a black dress shirt or blouse with long sleeves, and black dress shoes with manageable heels.

Please check out our **PTMS Music website** through our schools website link (<http://pt.sduhsd.net/>) under departments-electives-band for a calendar of events, forms, and more information. If you'd like to be involved with our PTMS Music Foundation, please send me an email and come to our monthly meetings to help support our music program. Students can also log onto their **Blackboard** account for copies of their music, recordings, and other forms.

