

Tamanend Music Classes and Other Opportunities

Curricular Ensemble Classes

7, 8, 9 Band
7, 8, 9 Orchestra
7, 8, 9 Chorus

These classes meet every other day for the entire year. Students do not need to audition for these groups, but must be in one of them to participate in the extra-curricular ensembles listed below. Students receive a marking period grade for these classes. Curricular ensembles perform in the Winter and Spring Concerts. All music students, regardless of what music class they are taking, will have the opportunity to take all other elective classes at Tamanend.

Co-curricular Activities

Students must be in a Band, Orchestra, or Chorus Class to audition for these enrichment ensembles.

Symphonic
Swing Ensemble

Tamanend's large performing jazz group, open to any instrumental student: band or orchestra, as well as students who play electric guitar, piano, or upright bass. Auditions will be held in the fall. Audition music will be available within the first few weeks of school.
Rehearsals: Wednesdays 2:45-4:00pm

Jazz Band

Tamanend's smaller (~30 instrumentalists) competitive jazz band. Open to band members and any students who play electric guitar, piano, or upright bass. This group will compete at several jazz festivals including one in Allentown in the spring. Auditions will be held in the fall. Audition music will be available when your child returns to school in September.
Rehearsals: Tuesday *Evenings* 5:30-8:00pm

Wind Ensemble

This is Tamanend's only competitive concert band, mainly made up of 9th grade band members. Select 7th and 8th grade band members may be asked to join. This group will compete in Allentown in the spring. Audition music will be available in the band room and will take place each November. Spring rehearsals, once-a-week (varies) 2:45-4:00pm

Chieftain Chorus

Tamanend's large (~80 voices), auditioned chorus open to all grades. In addition to school concerts, this group performs at the CB Save the Music Concert in January, the CB A Cappella Festival in April, and competes in Allentown in May. Auditions held the first two weeks of school. Rehearsals: Tuesdays 2:45-4:00 with occasional rehearsals on other days.

Gold'n'Blues

Tamanend's most select singing group. These 20-25 singers learn a diverse repertoire of music with rapidity and intensity and perform at many school and community functions throughout the year. This group also competes in Allentown in May. Auditions held in late September/early October. Interested students must be members of Chieftain Chorus.
Rehearsals: TBA at least once a week (not always a regular schedule).

Barbershop
Quartet(s)

The barbershop program is open to Chieftain Chorus members, and information about the quartets will be shared at rehearsals in the fall. Quartets usually compete in the Mid-Atlantic District Youth Adjudication (April, girls) and the CB Youth in Harmony Quartet Festival (May, boys). Rehearsals: TBA.

String Ensemble

Tamanend's auditioned string group open to all grades. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays or Thursdays (whichever is an A Day) from 2:40-4:00pm. This group performs at various school and community functions throughout the year & competes in Allentown in the Spring. Auditions are held in late September.

String Quartet/
Quintet

Tamanend's most select string group. This group is selected from the highest-scoring String Ensemble members and performs at various school, district, and community events. Rehearsals take place after String Ensemble practice.

Other Opportunities

Musical: Tamanend puts on a musical production every year. Auditions are held in the fall. Performance is in March.
Honors Groups: Tamanend band, choir, and orchestra students may be eligible for various honors auditions throughout the year. These opportunities will be announced by directors and normally include District Orchestra, County Band/Chorus/Orchestra, CB MS Honors Band.
Piano: Pianists who wish to use their talents in school should speak to Mr. Sanchez about accompanying choirs. Also, see Jazz Band and Symphonic Swing Ensemble above.

Music Staff

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