

Welcome to the Rampello Elementary World Percussion 24-25

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your student has shown interest in participating in Rampello World Percussion. Please read the information below and return the sign-up form attached if you would like your student to audition. AUDITIONS DO NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ENSEMBLE.

World Percussion Auditions are open to all students in grades 4-6. Auditions are required, and do NOT guarantee acceptance into the World Percussion Program. World Percussion auditions will be held on **Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 from 2:50-4:00 pm** in room 105. World Percussion rehearsals will begin **Tuesday, September 3rd at 2:50-4:00 PM**. Please read, sign, and return the attached audition intent form by August 21st. Do not return this form with the first day of school packet as the music teachers will not receive it!

Who May Join World Percussion?

Students who audition, pending a qualified audition, may be invited to participate. AUDITIONING DOES NOT guarantee acceptance into the program. Audition acceptances will be posted on the Rampello Music Website within a week of auditions occurring.

Rehearsals

World Percussion rehearsals will go from August until the beginning of May. **Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances unless they have an excused absence (illness, etc.)** By joining World Percussion your child makes a yearly commitment to remain in chorus and to attend rehearsals and concerts. After two unexcused absences, your child will be dismissed from the chorus. Examples of excused absences are illnesses with absence from school or death in the family. Examples of unexcused absences are birthday parties, lack of transportation, sleeping in, or minor illness with attendance at school that day.

Behavior

Please remind your child that he/she needs to bring a love for singing and excellent behavior to all World Percussion rehearsals and concerts. All members of the Rampello World Percussion Program will be ambassadors representing our school in the community. As such, we expect their behavior to be exceptional during and after school. Failure to meet these expectations will result in dismissal from the chorus. Bi-Weekly behavior/grade check-ins may be conducted with all teachers; should there be any behavior/grade concerns in classes, students will be placed on probation. The first behavior incident will be a warning. If there is a second behavior issue, the behavior continues out of chorus, or unsatisfactory behavior grade appears on the student's report card, they will be dismissed from the ensemble.

Concerts

We will perform at least two concerts this year (December Dazzle and Spring Fling) and at both Mega Nights. We will also try to schedule other performances throughout the year. Students are expected to be at all performances. More information about performances will be available soon.

Costs

Students in all music ensembles will be expected to purchase the shirt for their ensemble. The cost will be under \$20. These shirts will be worn at all performances, unless there is a special circumstance, and can also be worn on spirit days at Rampello. Shirts can be ordered with the attached form or at Rampellomusic.com

Attire

The following attire is required for performance uniform:

Black pants or skirt

Black closed-toed shoes (no sneakers or high heels)

Ensemble T-Shirt (each group will have one).

Communication

We will communicate primarily using the Band App. **All parents are expected to join the Band Group for their child's ensemble. Please use the QR code below to join!** If a rehearsal is canceled at the last minute for any reason (Music teacher is ill, etc), a band post will go out by 6:30 that morning.

Fees

There are no fees to join the chorus. We will participate in the upcoming Music Booster fundraiser and will be asking for help voluntarily. This will help pay for sheet music and equipment! Joining the Music Boosters is also a great way to keep this a no fee class. The Boosters purchase all the music the students use.

Student Likeness

All students in All Ensembles must have a Student Likeness agreement signed in the affirmative to participate in extracurricular music activities.

Please note: All students who participate must submit an agreement for Student Likeness permissions for images. Students who do not submit will not be allowed to practice/perform with their ensemble group. While we value and support any choice that is made by a family about their individual student's image, we are not able to prevent students from being filmed/photographed/recorded at any performance. While we do not encourage film/photographs/recordings during any event, any event that is open to more than school personnel cannot hold a privacy guarantee. Please meet with your child's music teacher should you want further clarification/information.

Transportation

All students will need to stay after school on Tuesdays for World Percussion. Students will be dismissed to their parents from the front gate. Students will be dismissed promptly at 4 PM. While we understand that there may be occasional hiccups, parents/guardians do need to be timely with pickup. Students consistently not picked up on time may be asked to no longer practice/perform with the group after the second late pickup. Parents/Guardians will need to communicate with the ensemble teacher to ensure that each teacher knows the method of pickup (HOST/Car). Should there be an emergency/concern about pickup, please contact the teacher in charge of the ensemble. Punctuality is expected, and part of being a good musician. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of making music with your student!

Sincerely,
Ms. Lathers

Parent and Student Rampello Chorus Contract

Please initial the statements below, then sign and return the portion of the contract.

- _____ I agree that my child will maintain excellent conduct during school as well as outside of the school day. I understand that my child may be removed from a music ensemble if his/her behavior is less than exemplary either during the school day, at rehearsals, or during performances.
- _____ If my child is placed in an ensemble, I will provide **timely** transportation for all rehearsals and performances. I understand that students who arrive late or who are picked up late may be removed from their ensemble.
- _____ I understand that attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals and performances, and that extended and/or extra rehearsals may be necessary in the weeks just before a concert. World Percussion will rehearse on Tuesdays, beginning September 3rd, and continue weekly until after the Spring Fling Concert in late April. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up by 4:00 PM on rehearsal days. **Missing rehearsals can be a reason for dismissal from the ensemble.**
- _____ In order to conserve limited resources, and if my child is placed in an ensemble, I am willing to receive rehearsal/concert information, sometimes on a weekly basis, through electronic means including but not limited to: Band App messages, Canvas, and newsletters/updates through e-mail.
- _____ Students are expected to supply their own performance uniform. **Students out of uniform will not be allowed to perform.**

PARENTS AND STUDENTS-----Please Sign and Return this Page no later than August 21.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email: _____



Rampello Music

Rampello World Percussion Performance T-Shirt Order Form

Please complete the form below to order your chorus performance t-shirt. Shirts are **\$12.00** each and will be available for pickup in the music room during the Parent Teacher conference night on **September 19th**.

Parent/Guardian Information:

- Name: _____
- Email: _____
- Phone: _____

Student Information:

- Name: _____
- Grade: _____
- Homeroom Teacher: _____

T-Shirt Order:

Size (please circle one): **Child S** | **Child M** | **Child L** | **Adult S** | **Adult M** | **Adult L** | **Adult XL**

Quantity: _____ x \$12.00 each = **Total: \$**_____

Payment Method:

Online at Rampello Music Department Website - Receipt Number: _____

Check payable to "Rampello Music Boosters"

Please make checks out to **Rampello Music Boosters** and include your student's name in the memo section.

Signature: _____

Thank you for supporting the Rampello music program!