



Kinder High School for the
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Dear New Kinder HSPVA Student,

On behalf of all our Instrumental Music Faculty, welcome to HSPVA! We look forward to working with you over the next four years.

Kinder HSPVA Instrumental Music is comprised of the following Departments:

- Classical Piano
- Band and Wind Chamber Music
- Jazz
- Mariachi
- Music Theory
- Orchestra and String Chamber Music

All students will be expected to play the first week of school, therefore it is important you continue to improve your music skills through the summer (lessons, music camps, workshops, attending concerts, etc).

Always remember that the first two words in our name are "High School". You must be passing all your academic classes in order to participate in curricular music activities and school concerts. Your Music Directors will support you, challenge you, and encourage you in your search for Excellence Through Music.

You are responsible not only yourself but also for your student music community, as all our musical endeavors are collaborative. If you keep these simple tenets front of mind, your experience at HSPVA will be extraordinary.

We can't wait to work with you in August!

Rodolfo Morales, Music Chair/Classical Piano Director
Shanta Childers, Music Theory Specialist
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