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Colt Musicians and Families!

My name is Mr. Patrick J. Harris and it is truly an honor and privilege to be your new Band, Choir, and Orchestra director here at Deer Valley Middle School. I have spent the last 6 years successfully teaching high school music in both Arizona and California, I am also a 6 year United States Air Force veteran. I am an active trumpet and french horn player as well as an active conductor! I have had the honor to conduct a middle school honor band in California in 2020 and the North Texas Wind Symphony in Summer of 2021. I am also an active learner who enjoys learning how to be better at my craft of teaching music.

You have chosen to be a part of the best working with one of the best! Your students will grow not only as individuals but as musicians. My teaching philosophy is to teach them more than just the content of music but life skills they can take with them also.

The expectation has been set, expect to be challenged musically! My expectations are high but attainable, my objective is to ensure you are growing as an ensemble and as individual musicians! Please remember, music is a process of constant growth, as long as you are consistent. This is a no judgement zone as we are all consistently growing. We will learn to actively support each other.

Please be on the lookout for our handbooks for each ensembles! They will have rehearsal and concert dates, classroom and school expectations, develop group norms as ensembles, grading policy and assignments.

Finally, this is your music program; look where you are now and where you want to go. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at patrick.harris@dvusd.org and I will respond in a timely manner.

Musically Yours,

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