



## **Two CV Middle School students selected for highly competitive state and regional honor bands**

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Two Symphonic Band students at Carmel Valley Middle School (CVMS) have been selected for highly competitive state and regional honor bands. Lauren Sweet, 13, was accepted out of more than 1,500 applicants to perform with the All-State Honor Band this February in Fresno. Chase Morrin, 13, will perform with the All-Southern California Band in Los Angeles.

"The two bands are very prestigious and select only the finest performers from all over California for All-State, and from the Southern/Central California region for All-Southern Band," says CVMS Music Director Julie Yaeger. "It is a great honor to be selected!"

Lauren Sweet's musical talent comes naturally, but she still spends at least five hours every week practicing and taking music lessons. She was chosen to play the bass clarinet at All-State, but also plays the clarinet, violin, piano and French horn. "I'm excited about playing in All-State because it's really cool and I've never done anything like this before, but I'm nervous because I'm representing my school," says Lauren. "When our principal, Mr. Grove, came to my class to announce that I had made it – I couldn't believe it!"

Chase Morrin was selected to play percussion for the All-Southern Honor Band. A piano player by training, he decided to give percussion a try this year to participate in the Symphonic Band at CVMS. He drives to Los Angeles on Saturdays for the All-Southern rehearsals that can last up to seven hours.

"Playing with All-Southern is really cool because we get to play more sophisticated and challenging music," he said.

Currently, 240 students participate in the music program at Carmel Valley Middle School. The music program is always in need of financial support and gently used musical instruments. For more information, contact Julie Yaeger at (858) 481-8221, ext. 3055.

