

FLUTE

BUYING *or* RENTING YOUR INSTRUMENT & SUPPLIES

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Supplies

- **Pencils** (Please bring 2 packs of pencils to school to be left in class)
- **Folding Music Stand** (To be left at home for at-home practice)
- **CMS Band Book** (Pay \$35 Band Fee through school online payment system)
- **Korg TM-50 or TM-60 Metronome/Tuner Combo with Contact Microphone** (optional)
- **Label all instrument cases with the student's name**

Flute

(brands to look for: Yamaha, Gemeinhardt, Pearl, Haynes, Bundy, Jupiter, Armstrong)

1. Cleaning swab for the inside of the instrument (an old cut up t-shirt works great)
2. Polishing cloth for the outside of the instrument (ex., a silver polishing cloth)
3. Tuning Rod

WHAT TO AVOID:

- Colorful plastic instruments
- Amazon.com
- Instruments sold at places other than reputable music stores
- A BRAND NEW instrument that is one or two hundred dollars... if it sounds too good to be true, it is!

Once you have your instrument:

Youtube is an amazing resource!

First look up videos on how to assemble your instrument safely. Then, look up "how to play the flute", "beginner flute lesson", "flute embouchure" and you will find many helpful videos to get you started!

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Clarinet

(brands to look for: Buffet, Yamaha, LeBlanc, Selmer)

1. Reeds - Vandoren Size 2 ½ - **Reed quality and strength GREATLY effect pitch and tone, please stick to the recommended brands ONLY for best results!** 3-4 boxes should last the year if well taken care of.
 - ♯ **6th Graders should buy 1 box of Size 2**, they will step up to size 2 ½ quickly.
2. Cleaning kit – Should include: cork grease, a drop cloth for the inside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush

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Saxophone

(brands to look for: Selmer, Yamaha, Conn, Keilwerth)

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2. Padded neckstrap
3. Cleaning kit – Should include: cork grease, cloth for the outside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush

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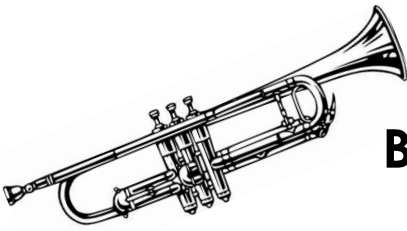
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Trumpet

(brands to look for: Bach, Yamaha, Getzen, King, Conn)

1. Mouthpiece – Size 7C or 5C
2. Cleaning kit – Should include: polishing cloth for the outside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush, valve casing brush, and snake brush (may also include slide grease and valve oil).
3. Valve oil
4. Tuning side grease

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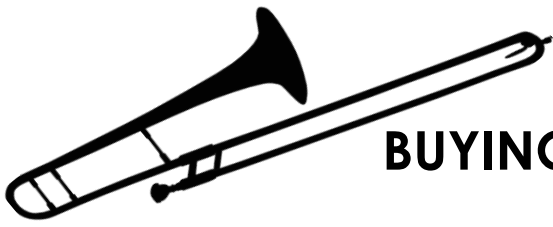
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Trombone

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1. Mouthpiece – Size 6 ½ AL or 12C (small shank)
2. Cleaning kit with: Mouthpiece brush, snake brush, cleaning cloth
3. Slide oil -OR- Slide-o-Mix (the best)
4. Tuning side grease

NOTE: If you are able to get a trombone with an "F-Attachment" - these are great! It allows the student to reach the furthest portions just by hitting a trigger. These are expensive and not expected, but wonderful to have! You can often find these used for a great price.

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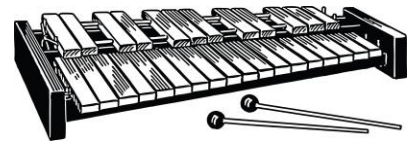
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PERCUSSION SUPPLY LIST



Percussion includes an array of instruments: snare drum, bass drum, timpani, cymbals, xylophone, bells, marimba, triangle, tambourine, drumline instruments and so much more! This is why we are careful to choose students that are willing to work hard, maintain good grades and good behavior because there is a high level of responsibility involved with playing percussion! **Students must be willing to play all of these instruments in order to be accepted into the percussion section.**

Students will spend the majority of their time in class on the bell kit and drum practice pad. If students are unwilling to play bells then percussion is not the right instrument for them!

Many of these instruments are supplied by the school. **The student is only required to supply drum sticks, a practice pad and a bell kit.** You can buy these supplies at several local music stores or online. Locally we have the Music and Arts stores (formally Alison's World of Music on Airline Highway and Zeagler's Music on Florida Blvd).

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Percussion

1. **Vic Firth SD1 General Snare Sticks** – Purchase a few pairs, these get misplaced often!
2. Drum practice pad (Remo tunable practice pad is recommended but there are many brands available)
3. Bell kit (sometimes called "educational kit" or "glockenspiel" – at least a "25 note" size, "30 note" or larger is recommended)

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Youtube is an amazing resource! Look up "how to play the bells", "beginner bell lesson", "beginner keyboard lesson", "snare grip", etc. and you will find many helpful videos to get you started!

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