

Dear **Incoming** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parents,

As the school year ends I wanted to take a moment to look towards next year. As you already know, being a member of Band is a commitment that shouldn't be taken lightly. We will need to work together to ensure that your children are practicing and getting as much as they can out of their instrumental experience. I encourage all students to practice their instruments over the summer in order to keep up their playing abilities. Even though most of your children have been with us for almost two years, I wanted to take a moment to go over a few items for next year.

1. All students should already have the **Measures of Success Book 2** for their instrument
  - a. PLEASE purchase: **Student Instrumental Course LEVEL 2 – Belwin book for your instrument**

**Percussionists new REQUIRED BOOKS:**

Percussionists **must have these books** in September.

- 1) Fundamental Studies for Mallets by Garwood Whaley
- 2) Fundamental Studies for Snare Drum by Garwood Whaley

2. Purchasing an instrument? If you plan on purchasing an instrument, I want to **highly** encourage you to check with one of the band teachers at the middle school about brand quality.
3. **Required for all students:** Metronome and Tuner (any brand). Recommendation: <http://bit.ly/2rVGET7> (**korg metronome/tuner combined**) or HIGHLY recommended to download to any smart device (ProMetronome is free. Cleartune is a tuner app that is about \$3).
4. **All students MUST have a separate binder for band with page protectors in it!**

5. Here is a list of other materials your child should have with their instruments:

Flute Players: Highly Recommend: Bo Pep thumb guide and finger rest

Clarinet Players: 10 #3 Reed **VANDOREAN BRAND**; new requirement: Vandorean 5RV Lyre Mouthpiece and a Rovner Ligature

Bass Clarinet Players: 10 #3 Reed **VANDOREAN BRAND**; **new requirement:** Vandorean B45 Mouthpiece and Rovner Ligature

French Horn Players: new requirement: A BERP

Saxophone Players: : 10 #3 Reed **VANDOREAN BRAND**; new requirement Selmer C\* (C1) mouthpiece and Rovner Ligature

Trumpet Players: new requirement: A BERP and a 5C mouthpiece

Trombone Players: A BERP and slide-o-mix

Tuba/Baritone Players: A BERP

Percussionists: BELL KIT AT HOME (you MUST bring this to your first lesson); and **new requirement:** mallet bag with an additional pair of

Vic Firth 5B drum sticks and a pair of Medium Rubber mallets such a Musser M402 or Musser M2 Medium Rubber

pair of yarn mallets - Musser M207 Medium Blue Yarn Mallets or one similar

**\*\*\* Great combination deal: Vic Firth Intermediate Education Pack or MIKE BALTER BDS1 PACK**

**Music Stores:** You can purchase from anywhere but here are 2 suggestion

- 1) **Barcones Music** – They will also deliver to the school – no charge (845) 331-6089
- 2) **R& D Music** – Locally off of fair street (845) 225-4515

**Please Note:** It is very important that you label your child's instrument case and well as write their name inside their books.

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