

## Required band supplies for the year:

- **Your instrument!**
- **A band book.** You can buy this at most any local music store, as well as online sources such as Amazon.
  - **Band I will be using Essential Elements for Band, Book 1 (yellow book)**
  - **Band II will be using Essential Elements for Band, Book 2 (red book)**
  - **Band III will be using Essential Technique for Band, Book 3 (teal book)**
- **Pencil:** Always use a pencil if writing on sheet music so you can erase if you need to!
- **Care and cleaning supplies:** Many of these supplies are found in common instrument care kits from music stores:
  - **Flutes:** Cleaning rod, dust/lint-free cloth (approx. 12"x14")
  - **Oboe and Bassoon:** Two good reeds, weighted swab, cork grease, water container (pill bottle works well)
  - **Clarinet:** Three or more good reeds, weighted swab, cork grease. A neck strap is recommended
  - **Saxophone:** Neck strap, three good reeds, swab, cork grease
  - **Trumpet, French Horn, baritone, tuba:** Valve Oil, Tuning slide grease, snake brush, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth
  - **Trombone:** Slide cream, Water Spray Bottle, Tuning slide grease, snake brush, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth, slide oil is NOT recommended
  - **Percussion: A percussion kit, containing a snare drum, practice pad, bells, sticks, mallets and stands.** These are quite heavy, so I highly recommend one that comes with rollers as opposed to the backpack kind. Ideally, percussionists should have their own stick bag. It should eventually be stocked with at least 2 pairs of drum sticks, hard rubber mallets, yarn mallets and a drum key. Nylon stick bags are about \$15 and can be purchased at a variety of stores. \*Please use a Sharpie and put your name on your sticks and mallets!

## Recommended Supplies for student musicians:

- **Digital Tuner/Metronome or Smartphone app:** Many students experience more success on their instruments if they have a digital tuner and/or a metronome for practicing at home. These wonderful practice tools can be purchased for around \$20 from a music store. For those with smartphones or tablets, there are some excellent tuner and metronome apps. SmartMusic contains a metronome for practice. I highly recommend the Tonal Energy Tuner app on your Smartphone, although it is not free. <https://www.metronomeonline.com/> is a good basic free online metronome.
- **Music stand for home.** This promotes good posture, helps protect your music, and helps keep you more organized!

## Requested Supplies:

- **Tissue paper for the classroom (1<sup>st</sup> period)**
- **Let me know if you'd be interested in sponsoring supplies for students! This may include:**
  - **Method books**
  - **Extra reeds**
  - **Valve oil**
  - **Slide grease**
  - **Cleaning/Care kits**

This is going to be a great year!

Musically yours,

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