

8th Grade Band Supplies List:

- Students have now progressed enough that they should seriously be considering two points:
 - o A New Instrument
 - o Private Lessons

New Instrument:

- Beginning instruments are designed to have the basic sound produced quickly and easily. This sound is usually not the highest quality. As the player learns to play, they can now produce a higher quality sound than the instrument is capable of producing. In other words, the instrument is holding the student back. The next level of instrument is the intermediate level. If you are renting your instrument, there is a step-up program. If you own your instrument, there are many places you can trade it in for an intermediate instrument.

Lessons:

- Students have progressed far enough now that most students are ready for individual private instruction. The best way to improve on your instrument is by instruction by a specialist. Mr. Roberts has contact information for area private instructors for each instrument. Lessons occur once each week and cost approximately \$15 per lesson. I cannot express enough the importance and benefit that taking private lessons has.

Supplies and Equipment:

- Standard of Excellence Festival Solos Book 2
- Standard of Excellence Festival Ensembles Book 2
- Trophy Flip Folder
- Lyre – These are instrument specific. If you are unsure, ask Mr. Roberts.

Students should already have:

- Maintenance Kit, Music Stand, Pencil, Binder, Tuner/Metronome Combo Korg TM-50, Festival Solos Book 1, Festival Ensembles Book 1

Clarinet/Saxophone Reeds:

- Clarinets should now play on Vandoren 2½ or 3 reeds. They are about \$22 for 10 reeds.
- Saxophones should get Vandoren 2½ or 3 reeds. They are about \$25 for 10 reeds.
- If students are careful, they will not go through more than 10 per quarter, hopefully less.

Trumpets:

- Dennis Wick DW5504 Trumpet Straight Mute - \$29.99

Percussionists:

- New sticks/mallets
 - o Vic Firth American Custom T1 – General Timpani Mallets \$25.25
 - o Balter Ensemble Series Birch 12BXL Med. Hard Marimba Mallets \$22.95
 - o Replace any damaged or lost items.

To Order Online:

All accessories, such as mutes, stands, care kits, tuner/metronome, etc., can be found at www.wwbw.com. Simply type the underlined portion into the search bar on the home page and it will bring up your item.

All percussion mallets, sticks, and bags can be found at www.steveweissmusic.com. Simply type the underlined portion into the search bar on the home page and it will bring up your item.

All method books, solo books, and festival books can be found at www.amazon.com. If you use www.amazonmile.com you can donate to the Milton-Union Music Boosters.

All individual solo and ensemble pieces from the OMEA list can be found at www.stantons.com.

Middle School Dates

Updated on 7/29/2020

TBA – 8th Grade Band Night Football Game Performance

Thursday, October 29th – 6th Grade Band First Performance

Monday, December 14th – All Grades Band Concert

Saturday, January 23rd – High School Solo and Ensemble – 7th and 8th graders help. 6th graders optional.

Monday, March 22nd – All Grades Band Concert

TBA – Middle School Solo and Ensemble

Monday, May 24th – All Grades Band Concert

Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

2021 High School Marching Band Camp Dates:

July 19-July 23

July 26-July 30