

## ***Back to School Supplies for Musicians***

Dear Marcellus Middle School and High School Band Parents,

As we gear up for the 2020-2021 school year I thought it would be a good opportunity to send you a grade level list of items that your student will need to excel in the music program. The back-to-school list is organized by grade and instrument. These items can no longer be purchased through the school. At the end of the shopping list I have included names of vendors where you can find the music products that your students will need to maintain their instruments.

### **ALL INSTRUMENTS EXCEPT PERCUSSION**

#### *Cleaning/Care Kit*

- The care kits for flute, clarinet and saxophone should come with a swab, mouthpiece brush, cork grease and rag to wipe down the instrument.
- The care kits for trumpet, trombone, baritone, horn and tuba should come with a mouthpiece brush, snake, slide grease/cream, valve oil and a rag to wipe down the instrument.

#### *Mi-T-Mist*

- Green disinfectant for mouthpieces

### **Instrument Specific Items**

#### *Flutes*

- All flutes should have a cleaning rod. You can attach an old piece of cotton material to the end and swab out the spit from the instrument.

#### *Clarinet Reeds*

- 7th Grade - Mitchell Lurie size 2 ½
- 8th Grade - Mitchell Lurie size 3
- Freshmen - Mitchell Lurie size 3 - 3 ½
- Sophomores - Juniors - Mitchell Lurie size 3 ½ - 4
- Seniors - Mitchell Lurie size 3 ½ - 4 ½

#### *Bass Clarinet Reeds*

- 7th and 8th Grade - Vandoren size 2 ½
- High School - Vandoren size 2 ½ - 3 ½

#### *Alto Saxophone Reeds*

- 7th Grade - Vandoren size 2 ½ OR Rico Royal size 3
- 8th Grade - Vandoren size 2 ½ OR Rico Royal size 3 - 3 ½
- Freshmen - Vandoren size 2 ½
- Sophomores - Juniors - Vandoren size 3
- Seniors - Vandoren size 3 - 3 ½

#### *Tenor Saxophone and Bari Saxophone*

- 7th and 8th Grade - Vandoren size 2 ½
- High School - Vandoren size 2 ½, 3 or 3 ½

#### *Trumpet*

- Valve Oil and Slide Cream

#### *Trombone*

- *Tuning Slide Cream*
- *Slide Cream or Valve Oil*
- Trombones - If you are using Slide Cream for the playing slide, you should purchase a spray bottle for water. If you are a slide/valve oil user that's fine. Just DON'T mix the two.

*Horn*

- Slide Cream and Valve Oil

*Baritone*

- Slide Cream and Valve Oil

*Tuba*

- Slide Cream and Valve Oil

*Percussion*

- Vic Firth Snare Drum Sticks - SD1
- Bell Mallets - plastic or brass
- Xylophone Mallets - rubber tipped
- Yarn Mallets
- Stick Bag
- I have very few items available for percussion to use. It is being recommended that percussionists have their own equipment to use and it is HIGHLY encouraged that they don't share.
- Gloves

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- Bell Cover
  - You can purchase these or you can be creative and make your own

**7th and 8th Grade**

- Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
- Essential Elements 2000 Book 2

The band program can no longer afford to keep these items in supply for students to purchase. These items are highly recommended to help with instrument maintenance. Regular cleaning and instrument care will greatly improve the quality of your instrument and its playing ability.

**Music Vendors**

Meyer Music

- 4120 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
- 269-366-3920

Marshall Music

- 951 Mall Drive, Portage, MI 49024
- 269-321-0415

Amazon.com

Woodwind and Brasswind: [wwbw.com](http://wwbw.com)

If you have any questions or if any of this is confusing in any way, please feel free to contact me (email is fastest).

Sincerely,

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