

St. Patrick School Band

Instrument and Supplies List

Dear Parent(s),

Welcome! You are about to join the scores of parents who have found band to be one of the highlights of their child's school experience. If this is your first time renting or purchasing an instrument, the information in this letter should make the journey easier. While instrument model numbers often change, the name of the manufacturer continues to be an indicator of quality.

As you shop, be sure to look into what your music dealer offers in regard to a rental plan. It is important that you be offered an opportunity to purchase your child an instrument during the rental period that is of a "step-up" quality and at a reasonable price or convenient purchase plan. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of having a quality instrument to use in band.

If you plan to purchase a used instrument for your child, please be confident that it is in good playing condition, even if it looks nice! Often an instrument that has been stored for a period of time is not in very good playing condition. The money you saved with the bargain purchase will be spent in repair. I will be happy to look at any instrument that you may already have.

Materials needed for class other than an instrument include:

BOOK

Standard of Excellence
Book One

NAME TAG

All students must have a nametag attached to their instrument case. Do not just place your child's name on the case with tape.

MUSIC STAND (SUGGESTED)

A music stand helps promote proper posture and breathing habits during home practice. There is no need to bring this music stand to school as the band room has music stands for class rehearsals.

WOODWINDS

Clarinet and saxophone students will need medium size (#2) **Vandoren** reeds for class. Please consider purchasing a Rovner ligature for your clarinet or saxophone student. Oboe and bassoon students should begin on a soft size (#1) reed. Fibercane reeds are acceptable for oboe and bassoon players only. Students should **ALWAYS HAVE SPARE REEDS IN THEIR CASES**. You will find that reeds are cheaper when purchased in quantity. Purchase a plastic **REED GUARD** so that reeds do not warp when stored.

INSTRUMENT CARE KIT (SUGGESTED)

Routine care and cleaning of your instrument is critical. Most care kits your music dealer has in stock will have all the accessories needed to maintain your investment.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL INSTRUMENT LIST

FLUTE

Gemeinhardt 2SP
Yamaha YFL 221 Yamaha YFL 200AD

OBOE

Selmer 1492B

Yamaha YOB 241

CLARINET

Selmer CL 201 (Wood) Selmer CL 301 (Plastic)
Yamaha YCL 250 (Plastic) Yamaha YCL 450 (Wood)
Accent CL 512P (Plastic) Accent 722W (Wood)

Please ask that your instrument have a Vandoren B45 mouthpiece with a Rovner ligature.

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Selmer AS 500
Yamaha YAS 26
Accent 710L

Please ask that your instrument have a Selmer C*, Vandoren A27 or AL3 mouthpiece with a Rovner ligature.

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Selmer TS 500
Yamaha YTS 23

Please ask that your instrument have a Selmer C* or Vandoren A27 mouthpiece with a Rovner ligature.

TRUMPET

Bach TR300H2
Yamaha YTR 2335 Yamaha Advantage YTR 200 AD
Please ask that your instrument have a Bach 7C mouthpiece.

TROMBONE

Bach TB301
Yamaha YSL 354 Yamaha Advantage YSL 200AD
Please ask that your instrument have a Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece.

FRENCH HORN / BARITONE

I ask that you rent an instrument from the music store. The French horn can be difficult for a beginning student. Often a student who is interested in the French horn will begin

band class on a trumpet. The skills learned on the trumpet easily apply to the French horn.

PERCUSSION

Percussion students will begin band class with a Yamaha SPR 275R Bell Kit. Later in the year some students will be chosen to play snare drum. Those playing snare drum will need a snare drum with case for class. VIC FIRTH SD I GENERAL snare drum sticks will be required for snare drum students. If the snare drum case does allow storage space, the student will also need to have a stick bag in order to keep percussion materials organized.

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St. Patrick School

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WHERE DO I RENT AN INSTRUMENT?

WE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A BETTER QUALITY INSTRUMENT LATER

I am not in a position to tell you where to rent or purchase your instrument for band class. I am confident that **Paiges Music (800) 382-1099** has the materials listed that are needed for band class at St. Patrick School. While located in Indianapolis, it is very convenient to call to place your order. A representative of the store will visit St. Patrick School weekly for deliveries and repairs.

Wherever you choose to do business, be sure you are satisfied there will be an opportunity later in your rental contract to upgrade to a better quality instrument. The qualities of the instruments that have recently appeared at Discount Department Stores are not the best value for your investment. An instrument purchase/rental is an important decision. Please consider your options carefully.

WHEN DO I BRING MY INSTRUMENT TO CLASS?

The first day students will need their instruments and materials for class will be Monday, August 15th.

WHERE DOES MY CHILD STORE THEIR INSTRUMENT AT SCHOOL?

There is a storage room off of the cafeteria for instruments that will not fit in lockers. I would expect smaller instruments to be stored in the student's locker.

GRADE POLICY

CLASS PARTICIPATION

A percentage of your child's grade is based on class participation. Should there be a reason that your child will not be participating in class, I require a note from home the day they will not participating. If the instrument is being repaired, the music store should give you a loaner for the period of time that they have your instrument. There is a penalty for students who make a habit of coming to class without their materials.

PRACTICE JOURNAL / PLAYING TESTS

Practice time at home is to be recorded in the practice journal and initialed by a parent weekly. Practice journals are checked at least twice during each grading period. Also, your child will play assigned material during each grading period for a grade. Most

students earn A's and B's in band class. Should a lower grade appear on the report card for band it indicates some serious problems in class...we need to talk!

CONCERT PARTICIPATION

Your child will be required to participate in the school's two concerts during the year. The concert dates will appear on the school calendar in August.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO CONTACT MR. NEARPASS?

I am scheduled at St. Patrick School on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The best way to contact me is by email. The address is:

david.nearpass@saintpat.org
dwnearpass@yahoo.com

If you prefer, a message can be left for me by calling the school at (812) 232-2157.

There are several models of band instruments that I have recommended in the past that are no longer manufactured or the model number has changed. Should you find one used, they would still be great for band class. This list is also a good reference for those who might look for instruments on the internet or yard sales.

FLUTE

Gemeinhardt 2SP

OBOE

Yamaha YOB 211

CLARINET

Selmer Signet 100

Selmer 103 (Wood)
Selmer CL200 (Wood)
Selmer CL 300 (Plastic)
Yamaha YCL 34 (Wood)
Yamaha YCL 200AD (Plastic)
Yamaha YCL 400AD (Wood)

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Selmer AS 300

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Selmer 1244

TRUMPET

Yamaha YTR 2320M

TROMBONE

Bach TB300

Yamaha AD-SL1

Jupiter 438L