

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF FIRST YEAR BAND STUDENTS

Your child has completed his or her first year of instrumental instruction. Please be aware of the following:

The Clarence Music Department provides rental instruments to all band students during their **first** year of study.

- Most students who play beyond the first year must rent or purchase an instrument from an outside source.
- The school will continue to provide instruments only for students who play those that are unavailable for rental and beyond reasonable expectation to purchase, including: oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, baritone saxophone, French horn, baritone and tuba.
- Regardless of rental, purchase, or use of a school instrument, specific mouthpieces are required of all band members, and must be purchased separately (see box below).

Instrument rental – for those wishing to rent an instrument for next year (the most popular option), we recommend finding the highest quality instrument possible from a reputable music store. Many stores offer “rent to own” plans, which can defray eventual purchase costs.

Instrument purchase – For those wishing to purchase an instrument (not recommended until after at least the 2nd year of study), the list below contains the instruments we recommend.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Flute</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gemeinhardt 3SH or Armstrong 303 Yamaha YFL 381</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Solid Silver Head Joint B Foot, Offset G, Open Hole – Highly Recommended Options</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Clarinet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yamaha YCL-34 (used) Yamaha YCL-450 Buffet R13 (new or used)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Alto Saxophone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yamaha YAS-23 (used) Yamaha YAS-26 (new) Selmer Paris Series III</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Trumpet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">King 601 Bach TR300 or Yamaha YTR2335 or YTR 200AD (beginner) Bach TR200 or Yamaha YTR4335GS (intermediate) BACH Stradivarius Bb (Top Line) Yamaha Xeno YTR 8335 CarolBrass CTR-1000H-YSS- L-beg CarolBrass CTR-3050H-YSS- L-int CarolBrass CTR-5000H- 1350-adv</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Trombone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">King 607F, Conn 52H Bach TB200B or Yamaha YSL448GA (all with F attachment) Bach 42BO (Top Line)</p> | |

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Regardless of rental, purchase, or use of a school instrument, the following mouthpieces **MUST** be purchased for use by all students:

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| Clarinet – Vandoren M-30 mouthpiece Bass Clarinet – Vandoren B-40 mouthpiece Saxophone – Selmer S-80 C* mouthpiece Trumpet – Bach 7C mouthpiece French Horn – Farkas MC mouthpiece Trombone & Baritone – Bach 12C mouthpiece Tuba – Bach 24AW mouthpiece | These mouthpieces will be used by the student for many <u>years</u> – please keep this in mind when purchasing, as some of the mouthpieces will be in the range of \$60 - \$150. |
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Instruments should be rented or purchased from a reputable music dealer (please avoid warehouse or discount stores). We have found the following dealers to be especially reliable:

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| Al Hemer Music Corp. 4190 North Buffalo Street Orchard Park, NY 14127 662-9533 | Northtown Music 3648 Harlem Road Buffalo, NY 14215 838-3835 |
| CarolBrass Instruments jim@jimbohm.com 903-3393 | Twin Village Music Studio 44 Central Avenue Lancaster, NY 14086 683-4879 |

Reeds for 5th Grade

Oboe – Leshner medium strength (same as 4th grade)
Bassoon – Schink medium strength (same as 4th grade)

Clarinet – Rico 3 strength (new for 5th grade)
Bass Clarinet – Rico 2.5 strength (new for 5th grade)
Alto and Tenor Saxophone – Vandoren 3 strength (new for 5th grade)

If you have any questions regarding instrument rental or purchase, please contact your child's teacher. We will be happy to assist you!!

Clarence Center/Sheridan Hill –Mrs. Dana Bennett (dbennett@clarenceschools.org)
Harris Hill/Ledgeview – Mr. Thomas Furminger (tfurminger@clarenceschools.org)
Sixth Grade Band – Mr. Thomas Stroth (tstroth@clarenceschools.org)
CMS Concert Band – Mrs. Chryste Mallory (cmallory@clarenceschools.org)
CMS Symphonic Band – Mr. Andrew Bodemer (abodemer@clarenceschools.org)
Wind Ensemble – Mr. Louis Vitello (lvitello@clarenceschools.org)
Symphonic Band – Ms. Andrea Runfola (arunfola@clarenceschools.org)
Concert Band – Ms. Andrea Runfola and/or Mr. Louis Vitello (See Above)