

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### **Rental Companies**

We work very hard to supply you with information about companies who will rent you a good, high-quality instrument that your child will have success playing.

Our main rental agent is Quinlan & Fabish (847-253-5592) out of Mt. Prospect, IL. They will not only rent you a good quality instrument but will also supply you with our required mouthpiece, supplies, and class method book.

### **Instrument Recommendations**

Instrument brands we have found to be of a high quality for the beginning musician are manufactured to perform well in school bands and will physically hold up under the day-to-day use by younger players.

- **Flute** – Gemeinhardt, Yamaha, Sonaré, or Amadeus
- **Oboe** – Fox, Yamaha, Selmer
- **Clarinet** – Buffet, Selmer, or Vito
- **Alto Sax** – Yamaha, Selmer, or Vito
- **Tenor Sax** – Yamaha, Selmer, or Vito
- **Trumpet** – Bach, Holton, Yamaha, or Jupiter
- **Horn** – Holton, Conn, Yamaha
- **Trombone** – Bach or Yamaha
- **Baritone** – Bach, Yamaha, Holton, or Jupiter
- **Percussionists** – see *“Percussionists” section below*

### **Percussionists**

In an effort for our percussionists to be well-rounded musicians they are required to have the following equipment: stick bag with snare drum sticks, general purpose timpani mallets, medium yarn wound mallets, and medium rubber xylophone mallets

Equipment required for percussionists can be purchased through the band director or through Quinlan & Fabish.

### **If You Already Own an Instrument**

Please bring it by the school to be checked over. It may likely need repair work and most certainly a new mouthpiece. Please call the band director if you have any questions about instruments. A complete list of required supplies will be listed on the web site and attached to this packet.

### **Internet Purchases and Garage Sales**

We recommend you do not purchase instruments from internet sites, garage sales, or non-music retail outlets such as warehouse clubs, without speaking to a band director first. What may look like a good instrument and a good deal can really be an instrument with many flaws. We can help you make an informed decision.

## **Purchase**

It is extremely important when making a decision to purchase an instrument you speak to either your child's band director or their private instructor. Again, we want you to invest in a high quality instrument that will perform well for your child and stand the test of time. Please use the same instrument brands we recommend for rental as a guide.

## **Step Up Instruments**

A step up instrument is a great way to enhance the process of music making. It can help a student play with a better tone, make technically challenging parts in their music easier and it is a great investment. Before purchasing a step up instrument please contact a band director.

## **INSTRUMENT SUPPLIES**

All instrumental supplies are available at area music stores. Save yourself a trip to the music store and call Quinlan & Fabish! Directors may have oil, grease, and cleaning brushes available for sale. Instrumental students are expected to have a music stand for at home practice. Required accessories are as follows

**All instrumental students can benefit from owning a metronome & tuner (*optional*).**

### **All Woodwinds**

- Cleaning cloth or swab

### **Double Reeds, Clarinets, Saxophones**

- 2 reeds
- cork grease
- reed holder

### **Clarinets & Saxophones**

- quality mouthpiece
- ligature & mouthpiece cap
- mouthpiece brush
- neck strap (*optional for clarinets*)

### **All Brass**

- quality mouthpiece
- slide grease
- mouthpiece brush

### **Trumpets & Baritones**

- valve oil

### **Horn**

- rotary oil

### **Trombone**

- slide oil/cream
- small spray bottle for water

### **Tuba**

- valve oil
- tuning slide grease

### **Percussion**

- stick bag
- snare sticks
- medium rubber mallets
- medium yarn mallets
- timpani mallets