

## **New Albany Middle School Sixth Grade Band: recommended accessories for all instruments**

Parents, when you are shopping for an instrument or supplies for band, please print this list and take it with you. Please understand that instrument manufacturers don't always include quality accessories. In our experience, students with better mouthpieces, reeds, oils, etc. enjoy better success playing and maintaining their instruments. Most music stores that have a school band instrument department should have or should be able to provide instruments and supplies from this list, and several stores will probably be happy to include accessory items from our lists into the rental fee. If you are not able to find accessories and instruments listed below, you should consider a different music store or call / email a director.

If you are buying used from a source other than Rettig Music or Music and Arts, it is suggested that you have it checked by a reputable dealer or private instrument technician. If you are buying online from a non-music store, BUYER BEWARE. There are many pretty instruments that are not durable and of such poor quality that they are difficult to play.

### **Flute**

\_\_\_ Essential Elements Book 1

\_\_\_ Bandana or cloth handkerchief (not from a music store)

\_\_\_ Yamaha, Selmer, Armstrong and Gemeinhardt, and Eastman flutes are traditionally good beginner instruments.

\_\_\_ Music Stand

### **Clarinet**

\_\_\_ Essential Elements Book 1

\_\_\_ 4 Mitchell Lurie size 2 1/2 reeds (Clarinetts will change reed strengths several times during 6th grade, so buying a whole box at first is not advised.)

\_\_\_ 1 or 2 reed guards to contain all 4 reeds (the disposable reed guards from the reed box are not very good)

\_\_\_ Handkerchief or silk swab (not the little brown swabs)

\_\_\_ Cork Grease

\_\_\_ Luyben or Rovner ligature

\_\_\_ Mouthpiece: Pyne Poly Crystal, Vandoren B45, Vandoren 5RV, Fobes with mouthpiece cap

\_\_\_ Mouthpiece "mouse" or small brush for cleaning moisture after playing (a small cloth will do)

\_\_\_ A Wooden (vs. plastic) clarinet is recommended. Students who continue to play in marching band should consider buying a used plastic clarinet after middle school for H.S. marching season because plastic clarinetts are more durable in weather and in marching activities. A wooden clarinet with quality accessories will be a great long term investment.

Yamaha, Selmer, Buffet and (new) Jupiter clarinetts are have been excellent.

\_\_\_ Music Stand

### **Trumpet**

\_\_\_ Essential Elements Book 1

\_\_\_ Bach 7C mouthpiece

\_\_\_ Al Cass valve oil

\_\_\_ Schilke Slide Grease

\_\_\_ mouthpiece brush and cleaning snake

\_\_\_ Music Stand

\_\_\_ Bach & Yamaha instruments are traditionally good beginner instruments

### **Trombone**

\_\_\_ Essential Elements Book 1

\_\_\_ Bach 6 1/2 AL mouthpiece

\_\_\_ Slide-O-Mix (large and small bottle)

\_\_\_ Schilke Slide Grease

\_\_\_ mouthpiece brush and cleaning snake

\_\_\_ Music Stand

\_\_\_ Bach, Yamaha, or King instruments (If buying used, the first consideration is always "What condition is the slide in?")

### **Baritone**

\_\_\_ Essential Elements Book 1

\_\_\_ Bach 6 1/2 AL mouthpiece

\_\_\_ Al Cass valve oil

\_\_\_ Schilke Slide Grease

\_\_\_ mouthpiece brush and cleaning snake

\_\_\_ Music Stand

\_\_\_ King or Conn instruments are traditionally good beginner instruments

