

August 30, 2017

Dear Band Parents and Students,

**Beginning Band:**

In Beginning Band, we start students on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone, baritone or bells (drummers). I have listed below some stores and their websites that rent instruments. Some students might have a relative or friend that have an instrument they can use. That's great, but you want to take it to a store to make sure it is in good working condition. There will be a follow-up letter with the nights that stores will come to the MS for your convenience.

**Advanced Band:**

Please take the time to clean your instrument, get it adjusted and fix any repairs. If you used a school instrument last year, you might consider looking into getting your own. The list of stores below is a good place to start. If you decide to go online, please feel free to contact a store or me to see if the brand is reputable. There are some bad instruments out there and you don't want to get stuck with one.

**School Instrument Rental:**

The district has some instruments to rent to students. They cost \$60 for the year. Payment plans can be made with the office. I will have contracts available the first day of school. Return the contract and a receipt from the office, and I will issue an instrument. First come first served.

**Reeds:**

Because we received a generous donation, we will provide reeds for most students during the year. If the supply of reeds runs out before the end of the year, it will be the parent's/student's responsibility to provide reeds. Ask if you want to know more about cost and what kind to buy.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact me at [matthew.farris@molallariv.k12.or.us](mailto:matthew.farris@molallariv.k12.or.us) .

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