HIGH SCHOOL BAND STEP UP GUIDE

Here are some recommended supplies and equipment freshman students may need in making a successful transition to the bands at West Aurora High School. Private lessons are strongly encouraged!

**Flute**
- cleaning rod and swab
- polishing cloth

**Oboe/Bassoon**
- at least three good reeds in playing condition (never buy plastic reeds)
- recommended double reeds: Jones
- plastic film case (for soaking reeds)
- reed guard or case
- swab
- cork grease
- small screwdriver
- seat strap (bassoon only)

**Clarinet/Saxophone**
- recommended clarinet mouthpiece: Vandoren 5RVLYRE or Larry Combs 3
- recommended bass clarinet mouthpiece: Vandoren B45
- recommended alto saxophone mouthpiece: Vandoren AL3 or Selmer S80
- Selmer C* (alto, tenor, and baritone)
  - Yamaha Custom (tenor)/Yamaha 5C (baritone)
  - recommended ligatures: Rovner Versa or Vandoren M/O series
  - Van Doren reeds (strength 3 or 3 ½ ) purchased in boxes of 10 or 25, not individually; always have three reeds in excellent playing condition

  **NOTE: never buy plastic or fibercell reeds**

  - neck strap (bass clarinet or saxophone only)

  **NOTE: students using school-owned instruments must supply their own neck strap and mouthpiece**
  - cleaning supplies
    - *Clarinet: cleaning swab, reed guard, cork grease, small screwdriver
    - *Saxophone: cleaning swab, reed guard, cork grease, small screwdriver, polishing cloth

**Trumpet**
- recommended mouthpiece: Bach 3C or Yamaha 14B4
- valve oil (Al Cass or Blue Juice)
- slide grease
- polishing cloth
- cleaning snake
- straight mute (aluminum) Tom Crown or Alessi Vacchiano
- cup mute Humes & Berg stone-lined (white with red bottom)

**French Horns**
- recommended mouthpiece: Holton Farkas MC
- rotary oil
- slide grease
- polishing cloth
**Trombone**
- Recommended mouthpiece: *Bach 6 ½ AL*
- Slide cream (*Super Slick*)
- Small spray bottle
- Polishing cloth
- Slide grease
- Cleaning snake
- Straight mute (aluminum) *Tom Crown* or *Alessi Vacchiano*
- Cup mute *Humes & Berg stone-lined* (white with red bottom)

**Baritone/Tuba**
- Recommended baritone/euphonium mouthpiece: *Schilke 41 D*
- Recommended tuba mouthpiece: *Conn Helleberg* or *Perantucci 88*
- Valve oil (*Al Cass* or *Blue Juice*)
- Slide grease
- Polishing cloth

**Percussionists**
- One pair concert snare drum sticks (*Vic Firth General*)
- One pair timpani mallets (*Vic Firth General*)
- Two pair keyboard mallets
- One medium yarn
- One medium plastic or hard rubber
- Stick/mallet bag

*Note: many music stores will sell a package of the above items at a savings versus purchasing them individually. (Innovative Percussion College Starter Pak – for the serious percussionist)*

**Area Music Stores We Recommend:**

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| Quinlan & Fabish Music Co. | 299 Montgomery Rd., Montgomery, IL | 630.654.4111 |

| Ellman’s Music Center | 508 W 5th Ave, Naperville, IL 60563 | 630.355.5880 |

*For woodwind repairs, we recommend:*

| Jeff Ford Woodwind Repair | 69 Brockway Dr., Oswego, IL 60543 | 630.554.8723 |