

## Information and Supply List – Bragg Middle School Bands

Welcome Back!! We are looking forward to another great year in Band. Please help us get off to a good start by having your student ready to participate each day. Here is a list to assist you in obtaining the items you will need (besides instrument and mouthpiece).

### **Advanced and Intermediate Band – Please read ALL the information.**

*(Make sure all items are identified with your name or initials)*

**Flute** - cleaning rod\*, cloth handkerchief or cleaning swab, flip folder\*, instrument lyre for holding music\*

**Clarinet** – at least 4 #2 ½ reeds in good working condition (we prefer Rico Royal brand), plastic reed guard that will hold 4 reeds\*, cork grease\*, cleaning swab\*, flip folder\*, instrument lyre for holding music\*

(Note: you will actually save time and money by purchasing a box of reeds from the dealer)

**Saxophone** - at least 4 #2 ½ reeds in good working condition (we prefer Rico Royal brand), plastic reed guard that will hold 4 reeds\*, cork grease\*, mouthpiece swab\* or cloth handkerchief, flip folder\*, instrument lyre for holding music\*

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**Trumpet, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba** – valve oil\*, mouthpiece brush\*, cleaning “snake”\*, flip folder\*, instrument lyre for holding music\*

**Trombone** - slide oil or trombontine\*, mouthpiece brush\*, cleaning “snake”\* flip folder\*, instrument lyre for holding music\*

**Percussion** – Mallets\* AND Sticks\*, flip folder\*

Items marked with a \* can be purchased at Art’s Music on Hwy. 280 OR from the Tuscaloosa Music service representative that will visit our band room weekly

### **In addition:**

*All Advanced Band* members will need a Rubank Book for passoffs and Essential Elements Book 2 for daily work and tests. You will also need several # 2 pencils Please make sure all items are labeled clearly with your name.

*All Intermediate Band Members* will need a Rubank Book, Essentials Elements Book 1 (you should already have this) Essential Elements Book 2 for daily work and tests AND a 1” window binder with 20 sheet protectors, 30 sheets of notebook paper, zipper pencil pouch and five #2 pencils.

***Having your Instrument AND EE book on the first day of school will count as a test grade. Having other supplies will count as a test grade within the first two weeks of school.***

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## **Beginning Band – Please read ALL the information.**

For the first day of school you will need a white 1” window binder with 20 sheet protectors, 30 sheets of notebook paper, zipper pencil pouch and five #2 pencils. Please make sure all items are labeled clearly with your name. **Having these supplies will count as a test grade on the first day of school.**

Students will be tested for placement on instruments during the first weeks of school. **Please do not purchase an instrument or book until we are through with this process.** After this time we will provide you with information to help obtain an instrument. We will also arrange to have an evening meeting at BMS with a representative of Tuscaloosa Music Service for parents interested in renting an instrument.

*We are also asking all parents of Beginning Band students to help us by donating a box of tissue. We do not have a first period class and cannot use instructional money (by law) to purchase these supplies. It would help us greatly if your student would bring this the first day of school. **Thanks for your help!***

## **Other important information for ALL Band Members:**

**Band Fees:** Most of you paid these during registration. If you have not, please take care of it during the first week of school.

**Band Fundraiser:** We will be launching our “Cheesecake” fundraiser during the last part of August. This year, we will be taking up the money before delivery to expedite our bookkeeping process and decrease it takes to give out your prizes! Begin to line up your prospects now. This year our funds will help finish out the very last part of our band locker project and to purchase new music stands (the last were bought 25 years ago). Think how great it is going to be to have all new stands!

**Band Website:** We put almost everything we hand out to your student on our website. Look @ [www.gardendaleband.com](http://www.gardendaleband.com) and go to the “Middle School” page.

**Band Calendar:** We will send out an updated band calendar with events soon.

**Advanced and Intermediate Spring Trip:** We will be planning our annual trip to Southern Star Band Festival and Six Flags soon. Since this is an important contest, we need everyone to participate, so make your plans now. Last year’s trip cost was \$90.00 and we expect this year’s trip to be about the same. We will send out more information soon.

**Private Lessons –** We will be offering a private lesson program for interested students again this year. We are fortunate to have an experienced faculty that is the envy of all the “Over the Mountain“ schools and we hope that many of you will take advantage of this program. More information will be sent out soon.