

## 6th GRADE BAND INSTRUMENT CHOICE FORM - DUE by Thursday, Sept. 11th

Student Name (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Where I will get my instrument (please circle one):**

A. Will get one on my own      B. At Hoffman Music Rental Night      C. Rent from LMS

**2. In order to achieve a well balanced band experience, it is good to have all of the instruments represented in the band. Please indicate first choice and second choice by writing a "1" and "2" on the line before the instrument name. See below for additional information about instruments.**

WOODWINDS	BRASS	STRINGS	PERCUSSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Flute	<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Bass, String Bass (contact Mr. Mazurek)	<input type="checkbox"/> Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Timpani, Bells, Aux., and other all other percussion instruments.
<input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet	<input type="checkbox"/> Trombone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alto Saxophone	<input type="checkbox"/> Baritone Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Tuba (contact Mr. Mazurek)		

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT INSTRUMENTS

\* Students are often more motivated to learn the instrument they are most interested in. \*

**•ALL INSTRUMENTS: MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE AND TREATED LIKE A BELOVED PET. REPAIRS CAN BE VERY COSTLY.**

**FLUTE:** small and easy to transport. Not too loud and makes a very pretty sound. Very enjoyable to play. Tricky at first to generate a tone, some challenges at first with fingerings. Some private lessons at first, help.

**CLARINET:** relatively small to transport. Very warm and pretty sound. Very easy to start on. Must purchase reeds to replace broken ones, about \$4.00 each (buy a box of reeds from a music store or online).

**SAXOPHONE:** bigger and heavier than the clarinet. Feels heavy at first. Has a big, bold sound. Perhaps not the best where quiet practice is essential. Reeds cost \$4.00 per reed (buy a box of reeds from a music store or online)

**BRASS INSTRUMENTS:** Trumpets are medium size. Trombone and Baritone Horn are bigger. All are on the louder side, though they can be played softly with experience. Can be problematic for students with braces. Require valve or slide oil (\$8)

**STRINGS & TUBA:** These instruments are large, especially Tuba and String Bass. Both String Bass (violin) and Electric Bass (guitar) come in small sizes for smaller students. Electric Bass is probably the easiest to start on and is not too big. A practice amp at home is a plus.

**PERCUSSION:** Requires drum sticks (\$10). A practice pad is a good investment (\$15,) but a phone book works. You aren't required to purchase a percussion pack (Snare Drum and Bell Kit) but it would help your at home practice. You will be using the LMS percussion equipment during class so no need to transport your drums/bells to and from school.