



Oakleaf Jr. High School Band ' 7th & 8th Grade Center '

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**We have tested/evaluated each student, and at the bottom of this flyer is the instrument that fits him or her both musically and physically. We tried really hard to place the student with their first choice of instrument. Please keep in mind, that the instrument they “WANT” to play- sometimes doesn’t “FIT” them correctly, and we must make a professional judgment and place them on the instrument that does fit them. ☺.

**On the BACK of this flyer is a list of Music Stores ready to serve you.

We use specific brands of instruments & supplies. **If you want to “shop around” to find the best deal, that’s fine ☺ -----**BE VERY CAREFUL AND DO NOT PURCHASE BAND INSTRUMENTS AT CERTAIN STORES THAT ARE NOT LEGIT MUSIC STORES---THOSE INSTRUMENTS ARE CLOSER TO BEING A TOY AND NOT A LEGIT BAND INSTRUMENT.**

→ **Also: the ‘real’ music stores offer package deals and in-house repair on the instruments. Good tip: Don’t buy a band instrument where you buy groceries or clothing ☺**

REMINDER: 2023-24 BAND FEES for Band 1: Beginning Band → \$140 [Due on August 21]

The Band fee is the amount that each student is responsible for contributing to the band program. Some people believe that the school or county should fund the band programs. Wouldn’t that be great? That will not happen! So, band programs must fund themselves. -----
-----please pay with My School Bucks or Cash or a ‘good’ Check made out to: Oakleaf Jr High School Band-----



This fee pays for band shirts, music, in class supplies, state and district musician fees, & other miscellaneous items/equipment that every band is responsible for in order to exist and perform.

Please let me know if other financial arrangements need to be made. My goal is to find a way for every band student to experience performing their instrument for thousands of people at all the events listed on the band calendar.

The Band Fee is not the same as the rental fee to the music store and does not include the yearly \$100 rental for school instruments.

*Note: Please provide the following for your child for the concerts:

Uniform: Black shoes (*they visibly need to be 99.9% black*), black socks (*if needed/no white socks*), black pants (*no jeans/leggings/sweat pants/athletic pants*), and their Oakleaf Band polo. (The band polo is included in the band fees.)

*Important Dates:

*12/8 (Friday)- 3:50-6pm BB- Mandatory Rehearsal after school & before band concert that night (REQUIRED EVENT)

*12/8 (Friday)- 6:00pm- Band Concert / (REQUIRED EVENT)

*4/26 (Friday)- 3:50-6pm BB- Mandatory Rehearsal after school & before band concert that night (REQUIRED EVENT)

*4/26 (Friday)- 6:00pm- Band Concert & Awards / (REQUIRED EVENT)

Student’s name _____ Instrument that FITS you the best →→

Congratulations & Welcome to the OLJ Band Program

Required Instruments for Beginning Band- Please make sure you order the instrument & supplies from a **LEGIT MUSIC STORE THAT SERVICES SCHOOL BANDS**. They understand the 'band world' and what is need to help your student be successful. They provide a Representative that comes to the schools to assist your needs AND also have a repair department if needed. If you are planning to get an instrument from ANOTHER PLACE, then please contact the Band Director to get approval for use in the Oakleaf Band Program. If your family owns an instrument, please allow the Band Director to look at it to see if it needs any repairs, and to make sure it will blend with the other instruments. **BE VERY CAREFUL AND DO NOT PURCHASE BAND INSTRUMENTS AT CERTAIN STORES THAT ARE NOT MUSIC STORES--- THOSE INSTRUMENTS ARE CLOSER TO BEING A TOY AND NOT A LEGIT BAND INSTRUMENT.**

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***LIST OF LEGIT REPUTABLE MUSIC STORES THAT SERVICE SCHOOL BANDS:**

START HERE: → *Playground Music- 850-320-6463 / get everything online: www.playgroundmusiccenter.com

*Music & Arts Centers- located over the bridge off of San Jose- 904-292-9705.

→ As of 2021, Sam Ash & Guitar Center do not have a school rental program. Start your search with the 2 stores listed above.

*Be very careful with Amazon, Ebay, Facebook Marketplace- (email me links so I can look at it). There is a reason those instruments are listed with a cheap price.

Remember: Contact Mr. Summers if you are shopping at other places than the 2 LEGIT stores listed above. The Band Director can help you find the correct & approved brand of instrument. JUST ASK! ☺ michael.summers@myoneclay.net

→ → → *Info for ALL instruments* ← ← ←

1. Don't buy music book from stores! Students will receive a music book designed by Mr. Summers.
2. Get a Wire Music Stand! There is a video on the band google class about this item.
3. Students will need to practice their instrument at home every day.
4. The Band Google Class is going to be very helpful this first year in band.
5. Pencils are used every day in band.
6. The band 'fair share' fee is NOT connected to the rental payment you pay to the music stores.

***Acceptable instrument brands*:**

#1 option: YAMAHA or JUPITER... for any instrument!

Other options: PEARL or LUDWIG (percussion), EASTMAN (flute), SELMER (clarinet / saxophone), BACH (trumpet / trombone)

<p>***Flute***</p>	<p>***Trumpet*** *Mouthpiece: 3C- This 3C mouthpiece DOES NOT come with the instrument- you need to buy it.</p>	<p>***Oboe*** → Student will need to take private lessons from a professional. *Reeds: Jones medium soft. Buy at least 5.</p>	<p>**Euphonium/Baritone** I will loan the student a baritone to keep at home for the entire school year with a yearly rent- a one time fee of \$100 is required. They will use one of the school baritones in class.</p>	
<p>***Clarinet or Bass Clarinet or Alto Sax or Tenor Sax*** *Reeds: Buy 2 boxes of Vandoren size 2. → ONLY GET VANDOREN REEDS (blue box) !!! Purchase the full box of reeds. I will teach them how to take care of the reeds - but they need several reeds in order for my method to work. The student must take care of the reeds and not break or damage them. They will naturally wear out over time! In January- switch to size 3!!!</p>	<p>***Trombone*** *Mouthpiece: 7C (standard backbore to fit student trombone). This 7C mouthpiece DOES NOT come with the instrument- you need to buy it.</p>	<p>***Bari Sax*** *Reeds: Buy 2 boxes of Vandoren size 2. → ONLY GET VANDOREN REEDS (blue box) !! Purchase the full box of reeds. I will teach them how to take care of the reeds- but they need several reeds in order for my method to work. The student must take care of the reeds and not break or damage them. They will naturally wear out over time! In January- switch to size 3!!! → Note: I will loan the student a bari sax to keep at home for the entire school year with a yearly rent- a one time fee of \$100 is required. They will use one of the school bari sax in class.</p>	<p>***Tuba*** *Mouthpiece: Conn Helleberg 120S You need to buy the mouthpiece. → Note: I will loan the student a tuba to keep at home for the entire school year with a yearly rent- a one time fee of \$100 is required. They will use one of the school tubas in class.</p>	
<p>LOOK! If the saxophone or bass clarinet is too 'pricy', then get a clarinet, and all the clarinet supplies, instead.</p>	<p>***Percussion*** *NOTE: To be selected for the Percussion spots- a student must have had piano lessons for a few years or have taken percussion lessons from a Pro. * You need the Bell Kit & Practice Pad Kit from the music stores. *Vic Firth Combo Pack, Model EP2A. -includes stick bag, SD1, M3, M6, T3. → Student will keep the rental instrument at home and use the percussion at school.</p>			<p>*Tuba is the MOST important instrument in the band! Will you be chosen? ☺</p>