

Congratulations! You're going to be a <u>SAXOPHONE</u> player in the Benold Middle School Band!

I am so excited to welcome you into our Benold Band family! I know for many families, this is their first experience being part of a band program. Learning to play a musical instrument is one of the most incredible opportunities that our school can offer your child. Music education has the power to transform their lives in ways that no other endeavor can. Please feel free to reach out to any member of our band staff at any time with any questions – we're here for the whole family!

The information below will give you specifics about instruments and supplies required. We encourage you to begin the process of acquiring these items early to avoid the back-to-school rush. Please have all items by the first week of school. We strongly believe no student should be unable to participate in the Benold Band because of financial constraints. If you need assistance, please contact a director.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

- 1. Saxophone Our recommendations are:
 - a. YAMAHA YAS 26, or
 - b. YAMAHA YAS 480, or
 - c. P. MAURIAT PMSA-57GC
- 2. Mouthpiece- Our recommendations are:
 - a. Selmer C-star mouthpiece, or
 - b. Vandoren AL3 mouthpiece, or
 - c. Yamaha 5C mouthpiece
- 3. Selmer Ligature
- 4. Box of Vandoren 2.5 strength reeds
- 5. Saxophone swab
- 6. Cork grease
- 7. Vandoren V-Neck Saxophone Strap
- 8. Pencils

Recommended Music Store:

Strait Music Company 13945 Hwy 183 North

Austin, TX 78717 512-918-3743

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