



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

Students not continuing in band at MKA next year MAY return any rental or borrowed instruments to the Band Room before the last day of school. This is a courtesy MKA offers to families. Otherwise, families must return the instruments directly to the companies.

For those who rented from Elefante and Music & Arts, these companies are offering to pick up band instruments dropped off at school. **If you wish to take advantage of this, you must obtain a return authorization number (RA#) for your instrument.** Each instrument for return must then be clearly labeled with your name, rental company, and the RA#. Masking tape or adhesive labels can work well for this purpose.

Mr. Murphy is away for the summer, and MKA cannot be responsible for tracking down lost/missing instruments, so it is imperative that instruments are properly labeled with this information. Alternatively, families may also make arrangements to return your instrument directly to a store location. Please contact your rental company directly if you have questions about this process.

- Elefante Music: 908-464-5928 (ask for Sarah Strickland) or go to their website at elefantemusic.com
- Music and Arts Center: 201-444-9800 or go to their website at musicarts.com.

Graduating eighth graders who have been loaned a rare instrument from the Middle School (baritone, bassoon, tuba, etc.) should return it to Mr. Murphy by leaving it at school after the graduation ceremony—please return it in its case to the Band Room. Please have your name *clearly labeled* on your case or via an instrument name tag. **Those students with rare instruments continuing next year in ninth grade band at MKA should reach out to [Mr. Leister](#) at the Upper School. He will have instructions about how to acquire an instrument. Please reach out to Mr. Leister before the end of this school year.**

Band Instruments Over the Summer for Students Continuing in MKA Band

Students *continuing in band* are highly encouraged to take instruments home and KEEP them over the summer. That way you can have fun with them, practice, and share music with family and friends! Summer is also a great time for “refurbishing” your instrument at the local music shop. This maintenance cost is often included in the cost of a rental, so be sure you get your money’s worth and have the shop make any needed repairs while we’re on break.

Please Note: It is not safe to store your instrument in the band room over the summer as the room will not always be under Mr. Murphy’s supervision. Unless you are returning it for good, please take it home!