

Congratulations! You're going to be a <u>CLARINET</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. Clarinet Our recommendations are:
 - a. BUFFET CRAMPON E12, or
 - b. YAMAHA YCL-255, or
 - c. YAMAHA YCL-450NM DUET+
- 2. Vandoren 5RV Lyre mouthpiece
- 3. Bb Clarinet Bonade Inverted Ligature
- 4. Box of Vandoren 2.5 strength reeds
- 5. Clarinet silk swab
- 6. Cork grease
- 7. Pencils

Recommended Music Store:

Strait Music Company 13945 Hwy 183 North Austin, TX 78717 512-918-3743 www.straitmusic.com

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