

MESQUITE TRAILS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Instrumental music is offered to all students in 4th - 6th grade.
 - Instrumental music classes meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Students can choose to learn one of the following instruments:
 - Band Instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba
 - String Instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass
 - Percussion Instruments: Practice Pad & Bells
 - Guitar, Piano, Accordion and Voice are **not** offered at this time.
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WHAT DO I NEED TO JOIN?

- Students will need the following:
 1. An instrument (listed above) either by...
 - Purchasing from music store,
 - Renting from music store, or
 - Borrowing through the school instrument "lottery" (see next page)
 2. A music book (Provided by teacher - free)
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HOW DO I JOIN?

- Fill out an online Music Permission Form:

<https://forms.gle/RmXCaqJwzcorrPuY7>

- Submit form by MONDAY, August 22nd, 2022
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WHEN DO WE START?

The first day of instrumental music will be:

August 15th, 2022

WHAT IF MY STUDENT PLAYED AN INSTRUMENT LAST YEAR?

- Fill out an online Music Permission Form. They will be placed in the Advanced group if they are repeating an instrument.
 - Enter the lottery if applicable.
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WHAT IS THE LOTTERY?

- The Lottery provides an opportunity for your student to borrow a school owned instrument for the school year.
- Instruments available are: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Violin, Viola, & Cello.
- If your student is selected, they will need to complete and return an "instrument loan agreement" form.
- If the school is unable to provide enough instruments for every student, they will need to rent or buy an instrument.

HOW DO I ENTER MY STUDENT IN THE LOTTERY?

- Fill out the Lottery Entry portion on the online music permission form.

DRUMS/PERCUSSION

Percussionist:

Percussion students may borrow a practice pad from the school or purchase their own **practice pad, stand and sticks. (book provided by teacher)**

If purchasing, the practice pad/stand can be purchased online ([amazon](#)) and looks like this:



The drumsticks should be Vic Firth or Promark brand size 5A (smaller hands) or 2B (larger hands).



"Donner Drum Practice Pad With Snare Drum Stand Kit"

WHERE CAN I PURCHASE AN INSTRUMENT/MUSIC SUPPLIES?

Roll Over Beethoven's Music - 16130 Main Street [cross of 5th], Hesperia CA 92345 - (760) 244-8822

Bertrand's Music - 910 E Highland Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92404 - (909) 886-5338

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Reeds:
 - Students playing clarinet and saxophone will need to buy reeds periodically throughout the year.
 - I recommend starting with AT LEAST 3 reeds. Beginning players should start on size 1 ½ for the first few months.
 - Be sure to specify which instrument you are buying for.
 - "I would like an alto saxophone size 1 ½ reed"
 - "I would like a clarinet size 1 ½ reed"
- Buying an instrument:
 - If you are planning to purchase an instrument, I recommend going to one of the local music stores. (Please DO NOT purchase wind and string instruments on Ebay/Amazon or at stores like Wal-Mart or Costco before contacting me first. These instruments seldom work well and often need difficult and expensive repairs after a few months of use.

Sincerely,
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