



# **Schimelpfenig Band**

# **BASSOON**

**Beginning Band Information  
and  
Instrument Supplies /  
Equipment List**

# Congratulations! You are playing the

# **BASSOON!**

## **Here are the next steps:**

### **Getting Your Instrument**

The SMS Band issues Bassoons to students for an annual usage fee of \$85. Your instrument will be reserved for you ahead of time. All you need to do before school starts is get the required supplies and materials listed on the following page. Some students like to take private lessons over the summer to get a head start on the year. We will check out instruments to those students before school ends in May. If you will not be taking lessons, we will check your instrument out to you when school resumes in August.

### **Sign Up for Private Lessons**

The bassoon is a special instrument and private lessons are necessary for student success. Private lessons are currently \$20 per week for a 25 minute lesson. Updated contact information for our private teachers can be found on our website ([www.smsband.org](http://www.smsband.org)). Our current private instructor for bassoon is:

Jonna Griffith

[jonnagriffith@yahoo.com](mailto:jonnagriffith@yahoo.com) 940-395-3119

### **Get Excited for Band!**

Tell your friends about your instrument selection! Watch awesome videos of your instrument on YouTube!



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# Bassoon Supply List

**Bassoon** is a school owned instrument and will be provided by Schimelpfenig. The cost is **\$85** for the school year. We will send out information in May for students who will be taking summer lessons. If your child will not be participating in lessons this summer, they will check out their instrument in August.

**Please obtain the following items from a local music store as soon as possible.**



Three bassoon reeds from  
[www.singindog.com](http://www.singindog.com)  
(Get the Brundage Pro –  
BRDC)



Metronome/Tuner  
Combo (Preferred  
Model: Korg TM-50)



*Tradition of Excellence*  
Book 1 for Bassoon



Tube of Cork Grease



Silk Swabs for  
bassoon



One bassoon reed case  
that will hold four reeds



Folding Music Stand  
for home practice



One empty and  
clean pill bottle.

# Where Should I Go to Get the Materials My Child Needs?

## Local Merchants

### Williamson Music 1<sup>st</sup>

701 E. Plano Pkwy Suite 414

Plano, TX

(972) 516-1331

[www.williamsonmusicco.com](http://www.williamsonmusicco.com)

### The Band Connection

1210 W. McDermott

Allen, TX 75013

(214) 458-0492

[www.band-connection.com](http://www.band-connection.com)

### Music & Arts

Suite 200, 701 N Central Exp

Plano, TX

(214) 383-1737

[www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)

### Brook Mays Music

6921 Independence Pkwy, Suite 120

Plano, TX 75023

(972) 618-3222

[www.brookmays.com](http://www.brookmays.com)

### Lone Star Percussion (Percussion Only)

10611 Control Place

Dallas, TX

(214) 340-0835

[www.lonestarpercussion.com](http://www.lonestarpercussion.com)

### **Flutes Only:**

#### Carolyn Nussbaum Music Company

625 Digital Drive, Suite #300

Plano, TX 75075

Dallas, TX Area: 972-985-2662

[www.flute4u.com](http://www.flute4u.com)

### **Bassoons/Oboes Only**

#### Bocal Majority Bassoon and Oboe Store

420 N. Coit Rd

Richardson, TX

214-377-8278

[www.bocalmajoritystore.com](http://www.bocalmajoritystore.com)

## Online Stores

We have a list of all local music stores, specialty shops and online retailers on our band website. Go to [www.smsband.org](http://www.smsband.org) and click on the "Local Music Stores/Resources" link.

## Remember:

Only use instruments from the approved list unless cleared by Mr. Straka

Never purchase an instrument from a discount store

Never purchase an instrument in a foreign country

Ask a director to inspect any instrument from a third party (craigslist, e-bay, etc.) before you purchase it!

## Important Reminders

Our approved instruments have been selected for their quality and value. Not all instruments and equipment are manufactured to the same standards. The items listed on your materials list as approved selections have been chosen and cleared by the SMS band staff based on years of experience evaluating quality of sound, intonation, durability, consistency, and cost. *Purchasing an instrument not listed for Schimelpfenig Middle School students could severely impact your child's musical development and progress, even if another area school approves it.*

If you locate an instrument that is not one of our approved instruments, contact a band director. We will be happy to inspect it and give you honest feedback about its quality and suitability before you purchase it.

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Most music stores will arrange to have your student's instrument/equipment delivered directly to SMS. ***We highly recommend this!*** If you do pick up your child's instrument before starting school or beginning private lessons, it is important to store it in a climate-controlled location.

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Please do not allow your child to handle their instrument before starting school or beginning private lessons. Instruments can be easily damaged if handled incorrectly.

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Many students will be eager to start playing their instruments. Please do not allow your child to try to self-teach or to learn from a neighbor, family member, etc. Students who do this will easily learn bad habits. Remember, practice makes permanent and poor practicing will result in poor performance!

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Instrument Insurance is available from independent carriers. Many vendors offer insurance and service plans. We will teach your student how to properly care for their instrument.

## **Private Lessons**

Many of our students are interested in starting their instruments over the summer with an approved private instructor. This is not required, but there are advantages to your student starting during the summer. For our students who are excited to get started learning an instrument it allows them to take advantage of the excitement now. Also, since middle school is such a change from the elementary experience, it will help them as this is one less thing to be anxious about at the very beginning. Finally, if you start lessons early you will already be signed up with a private instructor and will usually have scheduling priority when the school year starts up. It is not uncommon for us to have a waiting list for students wanting private lessons at the beginning of the year, so this is one way to get an edge on signing up for lessons.

Students who study over the summer will be more confident and comfortable in their beginning classes, which should allow them to progress more quickly, but they will not feel that the class is redundant.

Private lessons are supplemental to the Schimelpfenig Band curriculum. While they are not required, we do encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity to study with a professional specialist on their instrument. Our private instructors are screened for quality and safety and are contracted with the district, which requires them to teach within the parameters defined by our cluster band staff. This assures you that your child will be receiving safe, quality instruction when studying with a private instructor in our school. Private lessons are given weekly and are currently \$20 per 25-30 minute lesson.

If your child will be playing an instrument provided by the school and wishes to start lessons over the summer, there will be a day before the end of school for instruments to be checked out from SMS. Information will be sent out in May. Instruments will not be available before that date, as our current students will be using them.

The SMS Private Instructors for your student's instrument are listed on page 2 of this packet.

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## **Final Notes**

Your student will not bring their instrument the first day. If their equipment is delivered to the school, it will be here waiting for them. If you keep the materials at home, please be sure everything is clearly labeled with your student's name. All band equipment looks the same! We look forward to working with your student this August!

