

Schimelpfenig Band

EUPHONIUM

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

Congratulations! You are playing the

EUPHONIUM!

Here are the next steps:

Getting Your Instrument

The SMS Band issues Euphoniums 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.

Consider Private Lessons

Some students like to get a head start before the school year begins by taking lessons with one of our approved private teachers. 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). Our current private instructors for euphonium are:

Bill Mitchell	lowbrasslessons@verizon.net	972-527-3454
Simon Willats	simonwillats@verizon.net	469-939-9268

Get Excited for Band!

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



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Euphonium Supply List

Euphonium 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.



Bach 6 1/2 AL
Small-Shank
Trombone/Euphonium
Mouthpiece



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



Measures of Success
Book 1 for Baritone/
Euphonium B. C.



Mouthpiece brush



Al Cass Fast! Valve Oil



Bach Tuning Slide &
Cork Grease (red gel)



Music stand for home
practice

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

Local Merchants

Williamson Music 1st

701 E. Plano Pkwy Suite 414

Plano, TX

(972) 516-1331

www.williamsonmusicco.com

The Band Connection

1210 W. McDermott

Allen, TX 75013

(214) 458-0492

www.band-connection.com

Music & Arts

Suite 200, 701 N Central Exp

Plano, TX

(214) 383-1737

www.musicarts.com

Brook Mays Music

6921 Independence Pkwy, Suite 120

Plano, TX 75023

(972) 618-3222

www.brookmays.com

Lone Star Percussion (Percussion Only)

10611 Control Place

Dallas, TX

(214) 340-0835

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

Bassoons/Oboes Only

Bocal Majority Bassoon and Oboe Store

420 N. Coit Rd

Richardson, TX

214-377-8278

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 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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

