

Welcome to Symphonic Band!

Dear Future Symphonic Band Parents and Students,

Congratulations on a fantastic spring concert! I am so proud of each and every one of you for the hard work you put in this year!

Next year the Symphonic Band meets 1st period on white days. Please read the following carefully as there are some new materials required for Symphonic Band.

The method book we will be using in Symphonic Band is **Tradition of Excellence book 2**. All woodwind and brass players must purchase this book. Percussionists DO NOT need to purchase Tradition of Excellence, but DO need to purchase **Alfred's Drum Method book 1**.

In addition to your book and instruments, the rest of the required materials are as follows:

- ALL STUDENTS **must** have an instrument ID tag with the following: student name, grade, phone number, email address
 - If you rent from Barcone's they supply you with a name tag
- **Trumpet:** Al Cass or Blue Juice valve oil
- **Trombone:** Slide-o-Mix slide grease and a small spray bottle for water
- **Clarinet/Saxophone:** A box of Rico or Vandoren size 2 1/2 reeds, instrument swab
- **Flute:** cleaning cloth and rod
- **Percussion:**
 - Please keep at home: a bell kit and a practice pad.
 - Bring to school: a pair of snare drum sticks and xylophone mallets (these should come with your rental bell kit.)
 - **Vic Firth Standard Stick Bag** or a similar product with an ID tag
 - **Alfred's Drum Method book 1 by Sandy Feldstein and Dave Black**
 - Available on www.wwbw.com (no DVD)
 - If you would like to purchase your own snare drum sticks I recommend Regal Tip 5ax or Vic Firth 5a with wooden tips.

All supplies can be purchased at www.wwbw.com or from Radovich and Dean Music in Carmel.

Next school year we're going to be rolling out *Smart Music* for all middle school band students. *Smart Music* is an online program that we will be using to help students establish a home practice routine. At the beginning of next year, each student will receive a username and password to log on to their own *Smart Music* account. Students will be able to access the *Smart Music* on their 1:1 chromebook, home desktop, or tablet.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I'm really looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Stein

