

Dear Incoming Sixth Grade Band and Orchestra Parents,

We're so happy you chose band or orchestra as your music elective for 6th grade. You are going to learn many performance skills and songs on your instrument! The first thing that you must do is determine what instrument you are going to play. We did that on this [website](#). Now, it's time to obtain your instrument!

On Wednesday, September 23 from 2pm-8pm, representatives from A&G Central Music will be at West MS to rent your instruments. Participating in this extremely popular rent-to-own plan will provide you with your own instrument on which to play in class and practice at home. A&G Central will take your instrument rental order over the phone, or online. Contact them at 248-541-6843 or at [www.schoolmusiconline.com](http://www.schoolmusiconline.com). Place your order before September 22, and they will provide curbside, contactless delivery to your car at West MS. If you need to place your instrument order in person, please sign up for a socially-distanced time slot during rental night on this [sign up genius](#).

Because of the unique remote learning schedule we will be using, the music teachers strongly recommend the purchase of the Premium Package. This will include all the accessories needed for your instrument- ex: extra reeds, swabs, oil, rosin, shoulder rests. This is very important since we are starting the year remotely and your child's teacher will not be able to give supplies in class. It is an additional expense, however the items are discounted within the package, giving your child all the supplies needed for success at a lesser cost.

There are also other music stores where you can obtain a quality instrument for rental. Those stores will not be present at the Rental Night, but they are available to help you. Both stores offer online rental and contactless options for you to safely obtain an instrument.

Anderson Music: 248-680-0010

Marshall Music: 248-457-0300

Sometimes parents want to purchase the instrument rather than rent. That is always an option. We encourage the rental program because it gives you flexibility but purchasing outright works, too! Used instruments are also good choices. If you are thinking of purchasing, we can give you some good brands to look for...some will give your child more success than others. If you are thinking about purchasing from a vendor not listed above, please contact us and we can help you with specifications.

There are extremely limited numbers of school instruments available for students to play. Students who choose to use a school-owned instrument will be provided an instrument that is available. Due to the limited numbers, we cannot guarantee that it will be the instrument you selected to study. For instruments requiring a mouthpiece and/or reeds, parents will be required to purchase the mouthpiece and/or reeds. If you are interested in using a school instrument, please contact me as soon as you can for additional support. This will ensure we can be ready with a clean, fully functioning instrument with the appropriate supplies.

If you have any questions, please contact me, I can help. We are looking forward to sharing the fun of instrumental music with you!

Musically,

Erin Holden, West/Virtual Campus  
Kelsey Folmar, Van Hoosen  
Matt Harris, West  
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