**Obtaining a Beginner Instrument**

Hello Band Parents and Families,

You are receiving this letter to assist your child in obtaining an instrument for band class. There are endless options to getting an instrument that is in good shape for your child. Below is a list of the easiest and best options:

1. $25.99/month rental from Music and Arts. This is the best option in case your child might not stay on that instrument forever due to potentially switching to another instrument.
2. Buying from Music and Arts. If you are interested in purchasing instead of renting, they sell gently used instruments for a fraction of the cost. The best part is if you ask for it, they give a 30% Educational Discount on purchases of used instruments! They sell the best and sell only instruments that are in great condition and perfect for your beginner.
3. Buying from an online store or an individual. This gets tricky because with limited knowledge about the instruments, it is very possible you could purchase an instrument that is in such poor condition it doesn’t play. The plus side is you could come across a great deal that keeps you within your budget. If this is the option for you, make sure that you have the seller play the instrument in front of you so you can hear if it’s a good one or not. Everyone listens to music and parents are a great judge of simply “does it sound good or not?”

In addition to having the seller play it for you before you purchase, look for the following brand names. Sticking with these makes will give you a better chance of purchasing a quality instrument:

Flute: Yamaha, Jupiter, or Gemeinhardt

Clarinet: Yamaha, Jupiter, or Selmer

Trumpet: Yamaha, Jupiter, Bach, or King

Trombone: Yamaha, Jupiter, or King

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I am very happy to help families get the bang for their buck they deserve! Above all, thank you for your support and dedication to your child.

Mrs. Casey Duryea **\*COLORED INSTRUMENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED: THEY EASILY**  
Music Director **BREAK AND INSTRUMENT REPAIR SHOPS REFUSE TO FIX THEM**

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