

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to have you and your student joining our band family this upcoming year! As your student enters 6th grade band they will have many performance opportunities including the winter and spring concerts, solo and ensemble contest, and the chance to travel and perform at a music festival. This year there will be a $20 band fee that each student will be responsible to pay. With this fee your band student will receive a 6th grade band T-shirt, a binder with sheet protectors (to store their music), and supplies for the classroom. This band fee will be due on September 6th.

For your convenience, we have attached a list of supplies for each instrument that you will need to purchase. There will be another instrument drive on August 26th at the CS Intermediate School Cafeteria from 4pm-6pm. You can purchase an instrument or any supplies that you may need at this time or by visiting a music store. If you use one of our recommended music stores (Ellis County Music Center, Freedom Music Services, or Tarpley Music Store) they will also have a copy of our list and be able to help you get everything you will need.

If you want to purchase an instrument outside of a music store, we would like to highly recommend that you contact your student’s teacher before making a purchase. We want to make sure that you are getting a good deal on a reliable instrument that would move with your student throughout their years in the China Spring Band Program. If you purchase your instrument over the summer, we recommend that your student does not play on their instrument until they are in class so bad habits will not be formed. If you want your student to start early we recommend they take private lessons. If you need help in finding a private lesson teacher, please feel free to reach out and we would love to help you find one.

Again, we are excited to have you and your student join our Cougar Band family! This is an exciting time for you and your student and we are excited to be able to teach your student in the upcoming year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any director at their email address that is listed below! We hope that each of you have a wonderful summer and we can’t wait to see you in August!

Saxophones/ Oboe/ Bassoon: Marc Nichelson- [jnichelson@chinaspringisd.net](mailto:jnichelson@chinaspringisd.net)  
  
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Tuba/ Baritone: Ian Mitchell- [imitchell@chinaspringisd.net](mailto:imitchell@chinaspringisd.net)

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| **Flute** | **Oboe** | **Trombone** |
| **Yamaha YFL-261 or YFL-262** | **School Provided Instrument** | **Bach Prelude TB711F (Trigger)** |
| Flute Tuning/Cleaning Rod | 3 Singing Dog Medium Soft Oboe Reeds | Bach 6.5 AL LS Mouthpiece |
| Hodges Silk Flute Swab | Oboe Reed Case | Trombotine |
| Silver Polish Cloth | Hodge Silk Oboe Swab | Spray Bottle |
| Tuner w/ pickup | Cork Grease | Tuning Slide Grease |
| Rubank Elementary Method for Flute | Tuner w/ pickup | Cleaning Snake |
| **Clarinet** | Bocal Majority Beginner Class Boot Camp – Oboe Book Spiral | Mouthpiece Brush |
| **Buffet E-11 or Yamaha YCL-400AD** | **Bassoon** | Instrument Polish Cloth |
| Vandoren 5RV Lyre mouthpiece | **School Provided Instrument** | Tuner w/ pickup |
| One box of Vandoren Bb Clarinet Reeds 3 | 3 Singing Dog Medium Soft Bassoon Reeds | Rubank Elementary Method for Trombone |
| Rovner Ligature | Hodge Silk Bassoon Swab | **Euphonium/Baritone** |
| Hodge Silk Clarinet Swab | Cork Grease | **School Provided Instrument** |
| Reed Guard | Tuner w/ pickup | Bach 6.5 AL Small Shank Mouthpiece |
| Cork Grease | Bocal Majority Beginner Class Boot Camp – Bassoon Book Spiral | Valve Oil |
| Mouthpiece Brush | **French Horn** | Tuning Slide Grease |
| Tuner w/ pickup | **School Provided Instrument** | Mouthpiece Brush |
| For Clarinets Only- Mattei | Farkas MDC French Horn Mouthpiece | Instrument Polish Cloth |
| **Alto Saxophone** | Rotary Oil | Cleaning Snake |
| **Yamaha YAS-200AD or YAS-26 or Buffet 8101-1-0** | Tuning Slide Grease | Tuner w/ pickup |
| Selmer C\* Alto Mouthpiece | Instrument Polish Cloth | Essential Elements Book 1 |
| Rovner Ligature | Mouthpiece Brush | Foundation of Superior Performance |
| One box of Vandoren Alto Sax Reeds 3 | Cleaning Snake | **Tuba** |
| Hodge Silk Alto Swab | Tuner w/ pickup | **School Provided Instrument** |
| Reed Guard | Rubank Elementary Method for French Horn | Bach 24AW Tuba Mouthpiece |
| Cork Grease | **Percussion** | Valve Oil |
| Mouthpiece Brush | **Mapex Percussion Kit MPK32PC** | Tuning Slide Grease |
| Tuner w/ pickup | Fresh Approach to Snare Drum | Mouthpiece Brush |
| Universal Saxophone Method Paul DeVille | Fresh Approach to Mallets | Instrument Polish Cloth |
| **Trumpet** | Stick Bag | Tuner w/ pickup |
| **Yamaha YTR-200AD or Bach TR300** | Vic Firth M134 Urethane Bell Mallets | Essential Elements Book 1 |
| Bach 7C Trumpet Mouthpiece | Vic Firth M2 American Custom Marimba Mallets | Foundation of Superior Performance |
| Valve Oil | Vic Firth T1 Timpani Mallets | **Recommended Music Stores** |
| Tuning Slide Grease | **Recommended Websites** | Ellis County Music Store- Waxahachie TX |
| Cleaning Snake | Woodwind Brasswind | Tarpley Music- Waco TX |
| Mouthpiece Brush | wwbw.com | Freedom Music Services- Valley Mills TX |
| Instrument Polish Cloth | Musicians Friend |  |
| Tuner w/ pickup | www.musiciansfriend.com |  |
| Rubank Elementary Method for Trumpet |  |  |
| 40 Progressive Etudes for Trumpet |  |  |