

Fuquay-Varina High School Bands

Mr. Edwards, Director

2011-2012 REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR FVHS BAND MEMBERS:

(Also listed in Band Handbook)

BRASS PLAYERS

- Instrument
Trumpet players ***must*** have a 3rd-valve tuning slide ring.
- Music folder (supplied by FVHS)
- Pencil with eraser
- *Foundations for Superior Performance* method book
- Tuner - Korg CA-1 (\$20 - \$25) recommended.
Tuner apps for computers and cell phones might be OK for home practice, but sometimes they aren't very accurate.
- Metronome - Korg MA-30 (\$25 - \$30) recommended.
Metronome apps for computers and cell phones or from websites like *metronomeonline.com* are fine for home practice as long as they're in the room where the student will practice and you have a good, loud set of speakers.
- Combination metronome-tuner - Korg TM-40 (\$25 - \$30)
I haven't found a combination metronome-tuner that is quite as reliable or full-featured as having a separate tuner and metronome. However, the Korg TM40 seems to be the best bet for the money if you're on a budget.
- **Piston** valve oil for trumpets, euphoniums
Match valve oil brand with instrument brand when possible
- **Rotary** valve oil for horns, tubas
Match valve oil brand with instrument brand when possible
- Slide lubricant for trombone players (Slide-O-Mix and water bottle recommended)
- Mutes as required by concert literature (May be provided by school or purchased by student)

CLARINET, OBOE, BASSOON, SAXOPHONE PLAYERS

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- *Foundations for Superior Performance* method book
- Reed case
- Mouthpiece cap (oboe and bassoon players do not use mouthpiece caps)
- Instrument swab
A cloth or silk swab is preferable to a felt swab for clarinets.
A cloth, silk or chamois-style swab is preferable for saxophonists.
Saxophonists should ***NOT*** use "Pad-Saver" swabs.
A silk swab is preferable to other types for oboe and bassoon. School oboes and bassoons normally include a silk swab when checked out.
- Seat strap for bassoon or neck strap for saxes.
Seat straps are included in instrument check-out for school bassoons.
A neck strap is optional but recommended for soprano clarinets.
- 3 playable reeds (rotate reeds at least every other day for best performance)
Recommended reeds (reed strength depends on player and mouthpiece)
 - Soprano Clarinets
 - Van Doren "blue-box" 2 1/2, 3 or 3 1/2
 - Mitchell-Lurie 2 1/2, 3 or 3 1/2
 - Hemke 2 1/2, 3 or 3 1/2
 - Bass Clarinet
 - Van Doren "blue-box" 2 1/2 or 3
 - Rico **Royal** 3 (Rico Royal is a blue box, NOT an orange box)

All Saxophones

Van Doren “blue-box” 2 1/2, 3 or 3 1/2

Hemke 2 1/2, 3 or 3 1/2

Oboe and bassoon

Purchase handmade reeds from a professional player or from a reputable online double-reed specialist company.

If that isn't possible, purchase Emerald medium or medium-hard reeds from Music & Arts until we can arrange purchase from an online dealer. **DO NOT buy soft or medium-soft reeds.**

Nothing stifles a young double-reed player's progress more than poorly-built reeds or reeds that are too soft.

Buy at least two reeds at a time.

PERCUSSIONISTS

- Music folder (supplied by FVHS)
- Pencil with eraser
- Master key pitch pipe (to assist with tuning timpani) (\$15)
A pitch pipe is not required, but strongly recommended.
- Metronome - Korg MA-30 (\$25 - \$30) recommended.
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- *Foundations for Superior Performance* method book
- Vic Firth EP2 Intermediate Educational Pack
- ONE EXTRA PAIR of Vic Firth M3 keyboard mallets
 - Kit includes
 - Stick bag
 - 1 pair SD2 concert snare sticks
 - M3 medium-hard yarn keyboard mallets
 - M6 hard rubber keyboard mallets
 - T3 staccato timpani mallets

One additional pair of M3 mallets is required for students to perform four-mallet keyboard technique.

See info below if you need to purchase the Educational Pack and extra mallets or if you need to replace individual parts from the pack.

Drum tuning key (DO NOT RETUNE DRUMS without permission from Mr. Edwards)

HOW AND WHERE TO BUY SUPPLIES

Purchasing Foundations for Superior Performance method book

- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble members must have a *Foundations* method book for their concert instrument starting **Monday, August 29**.

OPTIONS:

1) Go to a music store and purchase:

Wind instrument books are \$5.95. Percussion books are \$9.95.
Call ahead to be sure a copy of your instrument is in stock.

Where to buy? Best bets to find a copy in-stock are...

- Music and Arts Center - Crossroads Plaza, 426 Crossroads Blvd., Cary, NC 27511 - 854-0024
- Burrage Music - 4900 Green Rd., Raleigh, NC 27616 - 1-800-662-7318

2) Purchase a used copy from the Band Boosters. Winds = \$4. Percussionists = \$8

See your band librarian on Aug. 25-26. First-come, first-served. Limited numbers of books are available.

Purchasing Vic Firth Intermediate Educational Pack (EP2) and M3 mallets

- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble percussionists must have their pack and extra mallets by Thursday, September 1. If you order online (see below), you need to order by Friday, August 26 so that your order will arrive in time.

1) Purchase at Music & Arts (quicker):

One pair of Vic Firth M3 mallets = \$28.95
EP2 Educational Pack = \$85.95

Music & Arts usually have several of the Packs in stock at their Cary store. They DO NOT carry extra pair or Vic Firth M3 mallets at their store. You will have to order the extra pair of mallets on line from musicarts.com.

Reps at the Cary store tell me that their will price-match the EP2 pack to other online vendors.

2) Order online from Steve Weiss Percussion (cheaper):

One pair of M3 mallets = \$27.95
EP2 Educational Pack = \$71.95

- Go to www.steveweissmusic.com.
- Search for item **VIC-EP2** in the search box in the top-right of the website.
- Click “add to cart”.
- A new screen will open with your cart contents. Click “continue shopping”.

- Search for item **VIC-M3** in the search box in top-right of the website.
- Click “add to cart”.
- A new screen will open with your cart contents. Make sure you have one of each item.
- You will be required to create an account (similar to what you do on www.amazon.com or other e-commerce websites).
- If you prefer, you can call 1-888-659-3477 to order from a sales rep. Be warned that sometimes their sales reps are very to the point and not big on being friendly. Make sure you know the *exact item numbers* and *have your credit card ready* and you shouldn't have any problems.