

You finally get to **START PLAYING A BAND INSTRUMENT!** Students will start band lessons when school starts in the fall. Students will receive one 20 minute group lesson every six days. Students will be pulled out of class for each lesson. The lesson schedule will rotate through the day each lesson cycle.

You may have questions as to what school-owned instruments South has to rent. South Middle School has a very limited supply of the following instruments: Tuba, Baritone, French Horn, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Clarinet.

The following instruments you will need to obtain from a music store or other qualified source: Trombone, Trumpet, Alto Saxophone, Clarinet, and Flute. Area music stores will also rent the following: Tuba, Baritone, French Horn, Tenor Saxophone and Oboe.

If you are interested in being a percussionist you will need to obtain a set of bells and a snare drum or practice pad. There are a variety of percussion kits for purchase and rent.

The South Band department has asked that all instruments purchased from Guzzardo Music NOT be given to the parents or students at the time of purchase or rental. We are asking that the instruments remain at the store until shortly before band lessons start. Your instrument will be delivered to the school prior to your first lesson. We prefer this to keep "untrained" hands from damaging the instrument before the student's first lesson. Starting with a damaged instrument is very discouraging for the student.

Music store personnel will explain the rental procedures and repair services they offer. Parents may rent the instrument and purchase supplies at the music store, sign the rental contract and make the first payment.

The first lesson will be on how to assemble the instrument properly, hand placement and learning to blow it correctly. Students should begin practicing 20-30 minutes seven days a week to learn their notes and assignments for the next class day!

If you are obtaining a used instrument privately, please take it to a reputable repair technician to have it checked over. It must be in good playing condition.

Please call Mr. Hedding at South Middle School (544-3175 ext. 1175) if you have any questions. **Check out our Band Website at [www.bsmsband.com](http://www.bsmsband.com)**

Welcome to our musical family!

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the OBOE! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality oboe. Oboes may be purchased/rented from a music store or rented from the South Middle School band department.
2. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
3. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
4. Cleaning swab/cloth for cleaning
5. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times
6. Lesher brand, medium-soft cane oboe reeds. Have two reeds at all times.

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the FLUTE! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality flute. (the cheapest you can find isn't always the best buy)
2. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
3. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
4. Handkerchief or music store polish cloth for cleaning
5. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the Bb CLARINET! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality Bb Clarinet. A wood Bb Clarinet is very strongly recommended! (the cheapest you can find isn't always the best buy)
2. Hite Premier mouthpiece
3. #2 ½ Rico Royal reeds or #2 ½ VanDoren reeds (buy 3 or 4 of them at a time)
4. cleaning swab and tube type cork grease
5. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
6. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
7. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality Eb Alto Saxophone. (the cheapest you can find isn't always the best buy)
2. Selmer C Star mouthpiece
3. #2 ½ Rico Royal reeds (buy 3 or 4 of them at a time)
4. Cleaning swab and tube type cork grease
5. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
6. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
7. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

You may obtain the instrument and supplies from the music store of

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality Bb Tenor Saxophone. Bb Tenor Saxophones may be purchased/rented from a music store or rented from the South Middle School band department.
2. Selmer C Star mouthpiece (for privately owned instruments)
3. #2 ½ Rico Royal reeds (buy 3 or 4 of them at a time)
4. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
5. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
6. Cleaning swab/cloth for cleaning and tube type cork grease
7. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the TRUMPET! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality trumpet. (the cheapest you can find isn't always the best buy)
2. Bach 7C mouthpiece
3. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
4. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
5. Valve oil (Blue Juice)
6. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the FRENCH HORN! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality Double or Single French Horn. French Horns may be purchased/rented from a music store or rented from the South Middle School band department.
2. Rotary Valve Oil
3. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
4. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book for French Horn and pencil
5. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the TROMBONE! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality trombone. (the cheapest you can find isn't always the best buy)
2. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
3. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) lesson book and pencil
4. Slide Oil
5. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the BARITONE HORN! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A quality Baritone Horn. Baritone Horns may be purchased/rented from a music store, however almost all are rented from the South Middle School band department.
2. Valve Oil (Blue Juice)
3. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
4. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I for **bass clef** Baritone Horn) and pencil
5. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected the TUBA! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. Tubas are rented from the Belvidere South Band Department. Contact Mr. Hedding.
2. Valve Oil (Blue Juice)
3. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
4. RED Tradition of Excellence (Book I) for Tuba and a pencil
5. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times

**Congratulations!** Your son/daughter has selected PERCUSSION! You will need to get the following supplies for this instrument before the first lesson.

1. A bell kit with stand
2. A snare drum or practice pad with stand
3. Vic Firth SD-1 General snare drum sticks (wood)
4. Folding music stand REQUIRED for home practice
5. RED Tradition Of Excellence (Book I) and a pencil
6. Name tag on case REQUIRED at all times