

COVINGTON



Covington MS Beginning Band



Mr. Hartzog

Why Band?



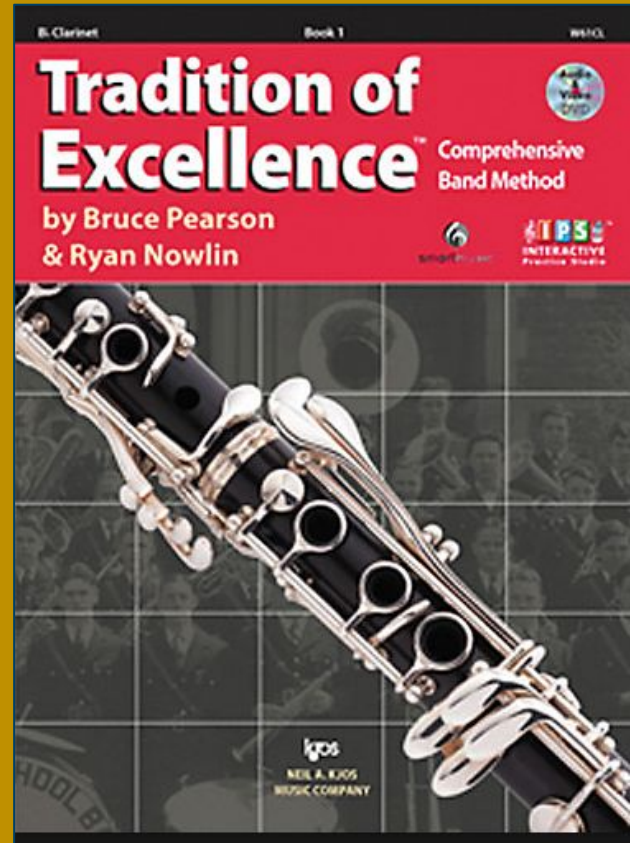
- Students perform better on standardized tests, such as ISTEP, NWEA, SAT, ACT, etc,
- Development of greater self-confidence, responsibility, discipline (both mentally and physically), coordination, and dexterity.
- Lifetime friendships. Band is a family!

Why Band?

- Class during the school day
- 3-4 evening performances per year. One Saturday performance.
- Any child willing to put forth a reasonable amount of time and effort will succeed.
- Low Cost options are available!

Required Supplies

A Tradition of Excellence, Book 1 for their instrument and accessories that are listed below by instrument. **All will be included when you rent your instrument.**



Required Supplies



Flute – Cleaning rod, swab, and polishing cloth

Oboe - Reeds (medium soft), cork grease, swab

Clarinet – Reeds (strength 2), cork grease, swab

Bassoon - Reeds (medium soft), cork grease, swab, hand rest

Saxophone – Neck strap, reeds (strength 2), cork grease, polishing cloth, swabs (neck and body)

Required Supplies



Trumpet/Baritone/Tuba – Valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Trombone – Superslick Trombone kit, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Percussion – Plastic bell mallets



Getting an Instrument

- Buying vs Renting
- New vs Used



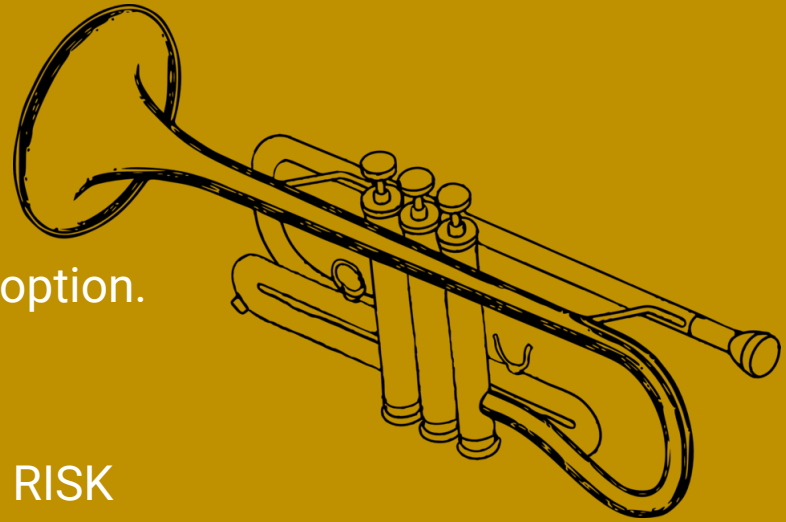
Buying New

- Factory-fresh instrument
 - Professionally set up and guaranteed with a limited term repair policy.
 - Large up-front investment
 - Good deal - 25% off balance when paid off
- All supplies and accessories included



Buying Used

- When using a music store= great option.
 - Often half the cost of new
 - Reconditioned to like - new
- When buying from family, friend = RISK
 - Almost always need repair
 - Can be \$50-\$300 or more!
 - Additionally, you will need to purchase all of the needed accessories.
- Remember if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is!
(Call me if you're not sure)



Renting

- Most affordable & most expensive (over time)
- Instruments are available on a month-to-month payment plan
- Rentals can cost anywhere from \$30-\$60 per month, depending on the instrument
- Rental instruments are normally brand new or slightly used (previously rented)
- Come with all the accessories needed.

The Internet

- Cheap, off-brand instruments are available on Amazon and eBay.
- These instruments are designed to be thrown away. Instrument shops CANNOT and WILL NOT repair them.
 - No parts available
 - Might break while repairing
 - Shops cannot guarantee
- Do not have the same sound quality as a name brand instrument
- Can cause frustration and self-doubt of student.
- For these reasons, these instruments are not recommended and will not be allowed in the band program.

My Recommendation

- **I recommend renting**
 - If we discover that your child isn't best suited for their choice of instrument, Paige's (Our music representative) can swap out instruments and apply the credit to the new instrument.
- Also, most programs come with an early buyout option which will let you pay off the instrument at a discount.
- The most important advantage is that usually these plans have an option to purchase rental insurance. This gives you free repair and replacement if there is an accident.

School Owned Instruments

- Geared for students who have exceptional financial needs (free or reduced lunch).
- School instruments will first be offered to those in need, and then opened up to the rest of the band.
- There is a nominal fee of \$50 per semester to cover maintenance of the instrument, parents need to contact Mr. Hartzog to work this out.
- Students choosing this option will still be responsible for obtaining the required accessories for the instrument.

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