



Anacapa Middle School Music Department

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INSTRUMENT INTRODUCTION

WOODWINDS

- Flute Very common. Inexpensive to rent. Fits easily into backpack to carry. Minor physical restrictions. 8-10 per class
- *Oboe Same length as the flute. Double reed. Interesting sound. Requires patience, good study habits and self-motivation. Can be rented. Some restrictions. 2 per class
- Clarinet Very popular instrument. Inexpensive to rent. Fits easily into backpacks. Few restrictions. Basic fingerings lead to sax & flute. 18 per class
- *Bassoon Wonderful instrument. Has very unique sound. Cannot be rented. Very important to groups! Requires patience, good study habits and self-motivation. Extra credit for achievers. 2 per class
- Saxophone Popular instrument. More expensive to rent (must be rented). Case is bigger & heavier to carry back & forth to school. Not forgiving when bumped. We suggest kids start on the clarinet. 6 per class

BRASS/PERCUSSION

- Trumpet Popular instrument. Inexpensive to rent. Some restrictions. 8-10 per class
- *Horn Glorious middle voice instrument! Has a very warm & pleasant sound. Can be rented. Very important to groups! Requires patience, good study habits, and self-motivation. Previous musical experience very helpful. Extra credit for achievers. 6 per class
- *Trombone Great lower voice instrument. Has a very nice sound. Inexpensive to rent. Very important to groups! Requires patience, good study habits, and self-motivation. Previous musical experience very helpful. Extra credit for achievers. 8 per class
- *Baritone Nice lower voice instrument. Can be rented (but expensive). 2 per class
- **Tuba The MOST IMPORTANT VOICE IN THE GROUP! Wonderful low voice instrument. Has great sound. Cannot be rented. Requires patience, good study habits and self-motivation. Extra credit for achievers. 3 per class
- Percussion Includes battery (drums & cymbals) and mallets. Piano experience strongly recommended! Sticks & bag needed. 6 per class

<http://www.nyphilkids.org/lockerroom>

THINGS TO CONSIDER

You have been (or will be) introduced to the various instruments. Due to the nature of our Music program, we assist each student in deciding the appropriate instrument.

There are many factors to consider when beginning an instrument. In the scores of years that music has been in the schools, it has been noticed that certain physical and non-physical attributes of a child guide, and occasionally dictate the choice of instrument.

During the next few weeks, we will work together to determine the correct instrument for your child.

REMEMBER: These factors MUST be considered when selecting an instrument:

- * Instrument/Student size
- * Student Needs
- * Anacapa's needs
- * Cost of playing (reeds/oil ...)
- * Ability to transport to school
- * Rental prices
- * Availability of School instruments
- * Physical make-up of child
- * Cost of repair/maintenance
- * Size/weight of case
- * Accessibility
(own/buy/rent/school)
- * Practice time needed
- * Possibility of having to share an instrument with other students

PLEASE NOTE:

INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO FIND A SUITABLE INSTRUMENT WILL BE SENT HOME ONCE THE INSTRUMENT ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THEN TO SECURE AN INSTRUMENT.

Also remember that we have more than 300 instrumental music students and less than 75 school instruments to issue. If you are willing to rent or borrow from a friend, please contact me.