



# Season of Mercy

Newsletter #2

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## ACCESSORIZE!

Band students are expected to have certain accessories in their case at all times.\* These supplies are available in the band room for your student during the year; students have been shown how to get supplies and to fill out a "buy" form. The item is then added to your Band Guild bill. There is never any need for families to send cash to school for band items.

If your student has any need or desire for additional musical supplies during the school year, these items can be ordered from one of two local music stores who send representatives to St. Katharine Drexel weekly. If your student needs an instrument repair (for rentals or your own instrument), we can send it with the representative. Students will be given a loaner instrument in the meantime, depending on availability (usually this is not a problem).

If you need to use this service, you can:

1. Call the store yourself and pay with a credit card over the phone. The item will be delivered the next day the representative visits the school OR
2. Have Mrs. Battenberg order the item



(you can contact me by phone, email, a note, or simply have your child tell me what

s/he needs). It will be delivered the next day (or the damaged instrument will be picked up) that the representative visits. The charge for the service or item will show up on your Band Guild family billing.

### Music Stores

#### **Ward-Brodt Music**

2200 W. Beltline Highway, Madison  
Dan Selz 1-800-369-6255 ext. 8631

#### **Heid Music**

308 E. College, Appleton, WI  
Phil Hinn 1-800-411-4343 ext 104

#### **L & W Music (does not visit the school)**

127 Front St., Beaver Dam WI  
885-3281

\* see "What's in your case" on the back!

## Upcoming Performance Opportunities

All band students are invited to participate in the annual Rechek's Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 7. Students can prepare a few Christmas songs to perform alone or with others in the front of the store. SKDS is usually well represented at Rechek's, who is a great supporter of our school.

Senior and Mezzo band students are invited

to perform patriotic music and hymns at The Vineyard Coffee Shop on Friday evening, November 13.

Students will also have an opportunity to play Christmas songs at a local retirement home. Look for more information on these fun events in the newsletter as they get closer!

### Check out the SKDS Band Website!

Information about band, your child's instrument, and links to fun music sites are available at the band website. Information about upcoming concerts will also be posted.



How to get there:

Skds.org

>for Parents

>link to website is on left menu.

### Jazz Band

Will be starting in late October

Thanks to these students for performing at Mass on September 11!

Theo

David

Ben

Justin

Kaleb

Blake

## Used Instruments for Sale

If you hear of any instruments for sale, encourage the seller to contact our school. I will keep a list of instruments for sale so students moving from renting to owning can have some options.



## Instrument Jail

Warning! It is against the Law of Music for instruments to stay at school unaccompanied by their owners. Instruments found breaking this law will be dragged by their handles into Instrument Jail, located in the band room. Owners will need to fill out a worksheet before getting their instrument returned to their custody.



## What's in your case?

**Accessories you NEED!** (*accessories nice to have, but not required, are in italics*)

**Flute:** cleaning rod or swab

**Clarinet:** swab, 4 reeds at all times, cork grease (*reed holder, thumb rest*)

**Saxophones:** swab, cork grease (*reed guard*)

**Trumpet/Baritones:** valve oil, tuning slide grease (*mouthpiece brush, snake*)

**French Horn:** rotary oil, tuning slide grease (*mouthpiece brush, snake*)

**Trombone:** slide oil OR slide cream and spray bottle, tuning slide grease (*mouthpiece brush, snake*)

**Percussion:** Bell Mallets, snare drum sticks size 2B (*stick bag, size 5A or 7A drum sticks*)



## Accessory Prices

Required supplies are given to students as the need arises and the family is billed on their band bill. Extra accessories will be ordered after a parent/guardian note, email, or phone call.

Prices below are from Ward-Brodth Music Store. Sometimes a different brand is sent at a slightly different price.

Flute Cleaning Rod: \$2.59 (attach a piece of lint-free cloth; swab out instrument daily)

Cork Grease: \$1.49 (used for tight corks)

Reeds (LaVoz or Van Doren are preferred. DO NOT use Rico brand!)

Clarinet: \$1.50 each/\$15.00 per box of 10

Saxophone: \$2.20 each/\$22.00 per box of 10

Tenor Saxophone Reeds: \$2.60 each

Baritone Saxophone Reeds: \$4.00 each

Reed Guards: \$3.60 (holds 4 reeds; keeps reeds secure, flat, and organized- well worth the money)

Thumbrest: \$4.29

Swabs (use daily)

Clarinet: \$4.50

Saxophone: \$ 8.00

Padded Neck strap for Saxophone: \$19

Valve Oil (Al Cass or Blue Juice Brand are preferred brands. Do not buy the cheaper brands!): \$4.00-\$4.30

Trombone Slickit: \$5.00

Tuning Slide Grease: \$4.00 (Use to keep all slides moving smoothly on brass instruments. Frozen slides= an expensive trip to the shop!)

Snakes \$5-8 (Used to clean brass instruments. I have some at school that can be borrowed when we clean instruments during lesson time; this should be done 2x a year).

Mouthpiece Brushes: \$1.20 - \$1.50. (Used for any instrument to clean out the mouthpiece.)

Drum Sticks: \$6.50-\$10.00

Bell Mallets: \$15

Stick Bag: \$16

Practice Pad: \$17