5/6 Band Supply List 2023-2024

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HIS/HJHS Band Website: http://howlandmiddleschoolband.weebly.com/

*This website can also be reached by going to the Howland Schools teacher webpages for Mr. Reynolds - Band

5th GRADE BAND

- All 5th graders must purchase/own their own method book: Measures of Success Book 1
 - o It is available at ALL local music stores and online
 - o Some will be for sale at the beginning of the year from Mr. Reynolds/Mr. Rezabek/Mrs. Penney
 - o The book has a blue and black cover
 - o All students must own their own method book. We use this EVERY day.
- Every student needs a folder to keep his or her book. In addition, every student needs a pencil inside of this folder every day for band!
- Students who do not own or bring their book, their pencil, their music, and their instrument will lose daily points for not being prepared for class.
- Private lessons are highly encouraged, but not required
- Percussionists must own a bell kit and drum pad or snare.
- <u>Saxophones and clarinets</u>: Reeds are an essential part of the instrument. If they chip or break, they are no longer useable and a new reed should be used.
 - o Students will go through 10-12 reeds each semester (2 nine-week grading periods) so it is most economical to purchase a box of reeds in September and another in January from a music store.
 - Brands: Mitchell Lurie size 2.5, Rico Royal size 2.5, Juno size 2.5, Vandoren size 2.5
 - O Students in 5th grade use size 2.5 reeds
- Brass: All brass players should own their own bottle of valve oil and slide grease.

6th GRADE BAND

- We will continue to work out of <u>"Habits of a Successful Beginner Musician"</u> that was used in 5th grade. No new book is needed if you own it from fifth grade. If it has been lost, you need to purchase a new one. Every student must own their method book and bring it every day to band.
- Every student needs a folder to keep his or her book and music, and a pencil for band every day.
- Students must have their instrument, book, and a pencil each day of band or will lose daily points.
- Saxophones and Clarinets: 6th graders must use size 3 reeds in 6-8 grade. This is different from 5th grade!
 - o It is most economical to purchase a box of reeds in September and another box in January.
 - o If a reed is chipped or broken, it is no longer useable.
 - o The band does sell emergency reeds in the band room for those that have a reed emergency
 - All woodwind students should own a swab to clean out their instrument after each use in order to prevent germs and unwanted illness.
- Please make sure any repairs are made on instruments over the summer. They need to be in working order for the start of the school year.