

WEST SUBURBAN HOME SCHOOL BAND

2009-2010 Cadet Band Requirements

Students may repeat the Cadet level instructions as many seasons as is necessary, based on the parents'/director's evaluation. As has been stated elsewhere on our website, there is no audition for Cadets. Your first step is deciding what instrument you are interested in playing. While some may already have a very definite idea, others may not. If the instrument choice is known, you can skip the rest of this paragraph. Otherwise, any student wishing to learn about the various instrument choices, to help them make a decision, are encouraged to contact the director, Mrs. Karen Borow, at director@wshsb.com. Starting June 26, 2009, the director will hold instrument try-outs at her home every other Friday morning from 9 to 10-30AM. With your mom or dad, the director will schedule a Friday morning to allow you to try all the instruments; to determine which one best suits you and your inclinations.

After the instrument choice has been made, you need to acquire the instrument. Parents may choose to rent or buy an instrument from a music store. We are aware that Naperville Music has a 3 to 4 month, low introductory rate for rental instruments. They are located at 636 E Ogden Ave, Naperville (next to Kentucky Fried Chicken), their phone is 1-888-355-1404, Sam Ash is another good resource. They are in Lombard at 1139 South Main Street, in the plaza with Jewel and Enchanted Castle. Their phone is 630-424-0767. You can always check with the director, Mrs. Karen Borow, about the band's rates and available rental instruments. We also have a list of Music and Instrument Stores on our **Forms/Documents** webpage under general information. It was last update 9/17/08.

Once you have an instrument you will need a few more things. The next most important is the video on the list below. The earlier in the summer you start watching the video and working with the instrument the more at ease you will become. We cannot over stress, the importance of working with the video. After working with the video multiple times and you are more familiar and comfortable with the instrument, you may start working on the first two pages in [Essential Elements 2000, Book 1](#).

Student and adult musicians need to print and **complete the Fall Registration Form**, found on the **FORMS/DOCUMENTS** webpage. The deadline is on the form. There is a discount for three or more children, with a fee schedule located on the webpage with the registration form. Mail your completed form **and check** to the address on the form or return them at the Parents' & New Members' Meeting in September. [No checks will be accepted without a completed form and vice-versa.](#)

NEW MEMBERS' NOTE: You are also invited and encouraged to come along with your parent(s) to the Parents' & New Members' meeting in September. See the **CALENDAR** webpage for the exact date and time for this meeting as well as for the first band practice.

While cadets are not featured at the WSHSB formal concerts, Cadets have two separate performances, winter and spring, for their families at Resurrection Church during their regular practice time. Specifics are included in the General Notes portion of the weekly Rehearsal Notes after details are finalized.

**All equipment and books on the lists below,
must be clearly labeled with the student's name.**

SUPPLIES FOR ALL CADETS *(additional percussion supplies follow this list)*

- **Working instrument**, with labeled case or equipment bag
- **Folding music stand** labeled, if there is a music stand case, it too should be labeled. (We would suggest a sturdier 1-piece stand, as opposed to a flimsier 2-piece stand.)
- **VIDEO - THE ULTIMATE BEGINNER SERIES**

(instrument specific, may not be available for every instrument) VHS format - *Vol. 1*. Some titles are available in DVD format. *Note: Check your local library. For example, Wheaton carries some of the titles with a one week loan period.*

It is **recommended** that all wind beginners obtain (purchase or borrow) [Volume 1 of this video over the summer](#). It will help them become familiar with the basics for their instrument by watching and practicing with the video multiple times.

- **BOOK - ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS 2000, BOOK 1 "Gold"** (instrument specific)
Try to get the newest version, which includes **both** a play-along CD (tracks 1-58), as well as a DVD (all 185 tracks).
- **Sharpened pencil** You should bring a pencil with you to band practice.
- **Metronome** - Mandatory for Cadet percussion - to be kept at home for daily practicing. Recommended for Cadet winds for use in daily practicing.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FOR CADET PERCUSSION

- **Practice drum pad on stand**
- **Sticks/Mallets**
- **Bells on stand**
- **Staff paper notebook**
- **BOOK – ALFRED DRUM METHOD, BOOK 1** The corresponding video is encouraged but optional.