WILLIAMS CLARINET STUDIO

2023/2024 Supply Sheet

Recommended Brands in Italics

1) **Instrument in good, working condition**:

- Beginner (Middle School) – Plastic/Resin Clarinet + Case
  Buffet B12, Yamaha YCL-255, Selmer Prelude CL711

- Intermediate (High School) – Wooden Clarinet + *Insulated* Case OR Case Cover
  Buffet E11 or E12, Yamaha YCL-450, Evette Schaeffer (Protec/Altieri Cases)

- Advanced/Professional (High School to College) – Wooden Clarinet + *Insulated* Case OR Case Cover *(Protec/Altieri Cases)*
  Buffet R13 (specific serial numbers are better than others – ask for a referral!)

- Bass Clarinet & Eb/A Clarinets
  Ask for a local referral – I'm happy to help you!

*I recommend taking your instrument to the repair shop *once a year* for basic maintenance. If you experience any tension while playing, chances are your instrument could use some TLC.

*If you are interested in purchasing a professional instrument this year, please feel free to contact me for recommendations regarding instrument trials.

2) **Mouthpiece in good condition** (no chips or scratches = no squeaks)**:**

- Beginner Mouthpiece (Plastic/Resin):
  Yamaha 4C, J&D Hite Premiere, Urban Play

- Intermediate/Professional Mouthpiece (Hard Rubber):
  Vandoren (Series 13 = USA Pitch): M30, M13 Lyre, OR 5RV – Check Pitch!
  D'Addario Reserve: XO, X5, X10

- Bass Clarinet Mouthpiece:
  Yamaha 4C (plastic), Vandoren (hard rubber - test a few to find the one you like)

*Most vendors will allow for a mouthpiece trial – this gives you the opportunity to order and test multiple styles. Transitioning to a hard rubber mouthpiece will make a BIG difference in sound quality. This is approximately a $100-$150 investment and it should be something you do within the first *two-three years* of playing clarinet.

*An easy way to protect your mouthpiece is to use a mouthpiece patch! *D'Addario Reserve*

3) **Ligature & Mouthpiece Cap:** Everyone should be using a mouthpiece cap (plastic preferred over metal)! These protect your mouthpiece from damage and they also protect your reeds. Mouthpiece caps are typically sold with a ligature.
   Bonade Regular Clarinet Ligature & Cap, Rovner Lite Bb Clarinet Ligature and Cap, Luyben L2215 Bb Clarinet Ligature

4) **REEDS** (*plan for at least* 1 box = 10 reeds EVERY semester):

- Beginning Strength – Rico 2 or 2.5
- Intermediate Strength – Rico Royal 3 or 3.5, Vandoren Traditional 2.5, 3
- Advanced Strength – Vandoren Traditional 3, 3.5
- Synthetic Reeds (can be used for marching band, bass/contra clarinet, practicing technique at home, emergencies) – *Legere European Cut, D'Addario VENN, Vandoren VK1*
- *Please use cane reeds for your lessons, ensembles, and performances!*

5) **Reed Guard** (holds 2-4 reeds): Everyone should have a reed case that protects your reeds and helps you organize them throughout the week. At a minimum, please buy the *D'Addario Reed Guard for Bb OR Bass Clarinet ($6-$8).*



6) **Swab:** Keep your instrument clean and dry using a chamois, cotton, microfiber, or silk swab. *Avoid basic felt swabs that fall apart after a few months of use.*

7) **Thumb Rest and/or Neck Strap:** Playing clarinet should be comfortable and these two options can make a big difference. *Protec and BG Neck Straps*

8) Cork Grease

9) Pencil (bring to EVERY rehearsal!)

10) Metronome/Tuner Combo: I recommend a KORG combo, but you can also download an app to a phone or tablet. These will be important for home practice throughout the year.

11) **Music Stand:** Wire stands are convenient for traveling, but they are a bummer for home use. I recommend something that is sturdy and has a solid back. *Manhasset*

12) **Books – Annual Honor Band Audition Music:**
- Bb Clarinet - *32 Rose Etudes for Clarinet, Revised and Corrected Edition*
- Bass Clarinet –*Advanced Studies for Alto or Bass Clarinet (Weissenborn/Rhoads)*

Practice Smart!
Developing a good sound is your first goal! Be intentional about your time and space when you play at home. Definitely use a chair and stand to develop good posture and breathing habits. It seems obvious, but don't watch TV or get distracted by other things – one hour of focused playing is better than any amount of distracted playing. When you play for more than 1-hour, make sure to take short breaks.

Ok, feel free to reach out if you have any questions – thanks!

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