

West Middle School Band

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Welcome!

Welcome to 6th grade band at Traverse City West Middle School! We are very glad to have you in our program. You are now part of the TC Westside Band Family! Please browse our website for more information or contact us with any questions.

What you need to know about band before the school year starts.

Instruments

Students will need to have their instrument and supplies in their band locker on Friday, August 25th; 6th Grade Orientation. We will start with some of the basics of music/instruments during the first few weeks of school and get fully into our instruments by mid/late September.

It is not recommended that you pick up, attempt to put together, or play your instrument until proper instruction has been given by one of the directors at the beginning of the school year. The instruments must be put together in a certain way, and we would not want expensive repair costs to be incurred before the school year begins.

*We caution you about buying inexpensive instruments from “box stores” & ebay, usually they are not of good quality and repair parts are unobtainable. When shopping, stay with the major brands: Yamaha, Bach, Selmer, Armstrong, Buffet, Bach, Ludwig, Getzen.

Required Supplies for Beginning Band 2023-24

- **Instrument**
- **Reeds** (3 Vandoren Strength #2.5 - Clarinets ONLY. We stock a supply of reeds in our WMS Bandroom, clarinet = \$3
- **Mouthpiece:** Trumpet - Bach 5C & Trombone - Bach 6.5 AL
- **Band Book:** Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician (for your instrument), Marshall Music

Required Supplies for Beginning Band 2023-24 (cont.)

- 3 Ring Notebook (1 inch) of any color, 10 plastic sheet protectors, pencil pouch, and PENCIL EVERYDAY!

Other Supplies (Not required)

- Foldable Wire stand (recommended for home use)
- Small metronome (recommended for home use)

Marshall Music

Sign up no later than August 18th for delivery to WMS by August 25th.
First Payment will secure instrument by 6th grade registration.

All supplies needed can be bought online through Marshall Music! Their new website makes it easy for parents/students to easily obtain the required materials for any school/teacher. No need to go to the store - all materials will be shipped directly to the band room for free!

1. www.marshallmusic.com
2. Click on "Rent Now!" tab - top left corner
3. Click "Start Band Rental"
4. Select - Traverse City Area Schools, West Middle School, Doug Downer, and select the instrument your student will be learning.
5. Accessories that are required - Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician Book and Care Kit
6. Select "School Free Delivery" for Free shipping to WMS Bandroom!

****All supplies in WMS band locker by August 25th****