

HARRIS ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

Welcome Tuba players and congratulations on being selected to play the Tuba in the 2021-2022 beginning band at Harris Road Middle School. This letter outlines band fees, required, and recommended supplies. Required supplies are supplies that will be used every day in class and are essential for your success. Recommended supplies are those that will aid in your aural skills and musical development, but are not required in year one.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Black Binder- Provided by Band Program.
- ☐ Pencil case (soft)- this will stay in your binder to hold supplies
- ☐ Pencils and highlighters (no pens).
- ☐ **Valve/rotor Combination Oil and Slide Grease** *it is important to purchase an oil that is suitable for both valves and rotors since half of our tubas have valves and the other half have rotors. Students will be trained on both.
- ☐ Small pack of sanitizing wipes to be kept in pencil case
- ☐ **Mouthpiece: PT-45 or PT-48 (Perantucci) or Helleberg 120** (Check shank size before purchasing)
- ☐ **Essential Elements Book 1 for Tuba (Yellow Book)**



RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Korg TM60BK Tuner and Metronome Combo with Clip on Microphone (Amazon)- Students will use a tuner and/or metronome every day in class and will need one for their homework assignments. There are free tuner/metronome apps for your phone and online, but these are not nearly as accurate as a real tuner. Tuner's are required by their 2nd year. Is a microphone really needed? Yes- our class sizes are huge! Without a microphone attached to your personal instrument, the tuner cannot decipher one instrument's sound from the other 80 in the room and therefore cannot accurately gauge pitch.



BAND FEES

- ☐ \$10 – \$10 CCS District Fee– All Cabarrus County students who participate in a performing arts class pay this fee. This fee pays for your student's music for the entire year. In a typical year, that would be 9-12 pieces of music. This fee can be paid online via the Online Payment Center located on the HRMS home page. If you choose to write a check, **this fee cannot be combined with any other school fees**; it must be a separate check made out to HRMS band. **DUE By Date: September 6th**.
- ☐ Band Polo- ALL HRMS Band students will need to purchase our band polo. The band polo is embroidered with our band name/logo and is made from a dri-fit/moisture wicking material to keep our students not only looking sharp at competitions, but keeping them cool on stage as well. ***An order form will go home with your student in September.**

HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR TUBA

- ☐ Due to the fact that Tubas are more expensive than smaller brass instruments, HRMS will provide tuba players with a school-owned tuba in class and one to keep at home. Before students are allowed to take the tuba home or use it in class, parents/guardians must sign a rental agreement and return the form to school. **There is also a one-time \$50 rental fee.**
- ☐ Mouthpieces- students are required to purchase their own mouthpiece: **Mouthpiece: PT-45 or PT-48 (Perantucci) or Helleberg 120** (Check shank size before purchasing)

COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Communication is vital for large programs to be successful. We are 300+ members strong and use multiple avenues to keep everybody informed.
- ☐ Join Remind101- download the app on any phone and join the class using the code @6brass22
- ☐ Follow us on our Facebook page
- ☐ Check our band website often
- ☐ If you wish to be a volunteer/chaperone on any of our band trips or events, please make sure your CCS volunteer card is up-to-date. If you need to apply to be a volunteer or chaperone, please go to the link below and complete the background check and the volunteer paperwork.

<https://www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us/ccsvolunteer>

Welcome again to the HRMS band family! If you need anything please feel free to contact us at any time!

Sincerely,

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