**REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

**Instrument**: Violinists and violists are expected to rent an instrument. You can check my website for reputable places to rent/buy/repair. Please do not purchase an instrument that has not been set up or is so cheap that it is really just a glorified "Violin Shaped Object”. This is a tool and needs to be of quality to get a good sound out and to play on. Large stores that sell many other items, like clothing, food, etc. are not places to purchase a string instrument from. Please be very wary of Craig's list and the internet. Please use a reputable store like Hammond Ashley, Bischofberger or others on my list. You can also rent online from a String only shop like Kennedyviolins.com, SharMusic.com, or Johnsonstring.com. These are well set up instruments and will be mailed to you for the rental period.

**Violin/Viola Shoulder pad** (for violin and viola students) Kun, Resonan, Wolff, Playonair, or whatever fits your body type best.

Cellists/bassists will use a school district cello and bass instrument in class. I would recommend that you rent one (from a music store) to leave at home to practice on. They are not to be transported daily on a school bus. There will be a **$150** per year per person fee for the use of the instrument in class. This will help defray the cost of bow rehair, end pin problems, bridge repairs, normal string breakage and wear on the instrument. Students will have the responsibility (along with their parents) for arranging for the repair of an instrument and paying for any damage if not incurred through usual use. Your loan form **does** allow you to take the instrument home but please realize that others will be sharing the instrument in the 5 orchestra classes. The best situation for your practice and learning is to have a rented/owned cello/bass at home. You may pay this **online** or make a check out to BLMS and give it to Ms. Beck our BLMS bookkeeper. This can be paid in installments by trimester if you like. If you have a scholarship need please email me.

**End pin stop** (for cello and bass students for use in performances and non-carpeted floors **– Xeros** are great and adjustable to every chair or stool, no spit involved either!

**ASB Card:** All music students will need to purchase an ASB card. You may purchase this online or from Ms. Beck our Bookkeeper.

**Three ring Binder**, Black, 1inch or 1.5 inch. You can purchase this from our BLMS Bookkeeper for $3. Your name must be on itand you may decorate it.

**Pencil, (no pen) to** be used in class daily, please store it in your case or binder.

**6th grade orchestra-Opus1 only:** *Sound Innovations for String Orchestra Phillips/Boonshaft/Sheldon Book 1* get the book for your instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass) please have this by September 16th (the sooner the better). You may order it from JWPepper/Amazon or other online retailer or get it at a local music store like Moore Bros., Music & Arts, etc

**Rosin** (the higher quality the better the sound on your instrument, brands such as Hidersine, Hill, Pops, Jade, MagicRosin, (almost anything that is round seems to be better) The rectangle “free” rosin with your rental will work but you will want to upgrade it eventually.

**Electronic tuner or Tuning App**: this is extremely helpful for helping with intonation (playing notes in tune) and tuning your strings. You may download/purchase an app for your phone and bring it to class with you or purchase a tuner so that it will only pick up your sound. Put your name on it!

**Metronome:** for home practice. You can get an app for this or purchase one.

**Music Stand:** you will need a folding stand to use when you are practicing or performing at home. Folding stands come in many colors. There are also Black (Manhasset style) stands that you can get that are collapsible if you like. Online is great to purchase this.

**Mute** for 7th and 8th graders, rubber (tourte brand) or similar. Please don’t purchase a large practice mute, this is the wrong kind.

**MusicFirst:** all students have accounts on MusicFirst classroom for the school year. MusicFirst is web based so is accessible on phones, tablets, pads, and computers. Please use Chrome as your browser.

**Recommended:**

**Extra strings** (an entire set is wonderful or at least the top two strings. The better quality of string the better sound you will produce. Violins please keep a steel E string. All others should think about using a perlon or synthetic core string. 6th graders may use steel strings and change over in 7th grade or before.  Check online for the best prices. Better quality brand strings are D’Addario Ascente, Thomastik Dominant, Zyex, Helicore, ProArte, Jarger, Larsen, etc

**Private lessons:** these are a great compliment to the orchestra class. I have a list available on my site.

**Experience 1+ year:** Performing with a **youth symphony** will really enrich your life. Check out Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra or Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra. If you are willing to drive farther there is Cascade or Maple Valley. You must be a member of our school orchestra to participate in the youth symphony. So much fun, meet more students from all around our area, play different music than in class, opportunities to work with great conductors and coaches, soloists, and maybe even meet a composer! Grouped by level not by age.