

# Doe Creek Band's FAQ's

## Q – Aside from the instrument...what does my child really need for band?

A – Aside from an instrument, pencil (not pen or marker), notebook, and band book (provided by school)...the instrument he/she plays will determine the accessories he/she will need to ensure a functional and easily played instrument.

- **Woodwind players** always need
  - 3 WORKING REEDS. These are best purchased by the box. Although there are different brands, the reed strength is universal. 6<sup>th</sup> graders should be playing on a 2, 7<sup>th</sup> graders on 2 ½, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders should be playing on a 3.
  - A cleaning kit for their instrument – if one wasn't supplied at time of rental/purchase.
  - Cork grease (clarinets and saxophones only)
  
- **Brass players** always need
  - Valve oil. These are very affordable and I would recommend buying 2 or 3 bottles at a time so they are readily available.
  - A cleaning kit for their instrument – if one wasn't supplied at time of rental/purchase.
  - Slide and a small spray bottle (Trombones only)
  
- **Percussion players** always need
  - 3 ring binder designated for percussion class only.
  - Clear 3-ring page inserts.
  - Pencil pouch.

## Q – How do I get music supplies or get an instrument repaired?

A – Paige's music is our preferred music dealer. They provide a GREAT service to Doe creek by visiting the school every Thursday.

- **To order merchandise from Paige's:** You can place an order online or by calling the store. Each Thursday the Paige's representative will visit Doe Creek and deliver orders and repaired instruments. I give them to the students in class and parents are able to provide supplies without ever seeing the inside of Paige's!
  
- **To get an instrument repaired:** If you are renting or buying your instrument from Paige's you will soon LOVE the benefit of your repair plan! Call the Paige's store and set up to have a loaner instrument delivered. If you call by Wednesday at 5PM, the folks at Paige's will be able to deliver your loaner by Thursday. In class, I will tag your child's instrument and get it ready for Paige's to pick up. This way your child gets their instrument fixed without EVER missing a day of playing!