

# Limestone Middle School Bands

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## Holiday Gift Ideas for Musicians

### ALL:

- Music Stand (either folding or metal)
- Instrument stand (Hercules makes very sturdy ones)
- Metronome and Tuner
  - Look for both in one, Sabine MT-9000 is very good
  - Anything by Korg is sturdy and will hold up
  - Tonal Energy (phone app)- this is what we use in class daily
- Private Lessons (ask for recommendations)

### Woodwinds

- **Mouthpiece Upgrade (Talk to me for recommendations!)**
- **Ligature Upgrade (talk to me for recommendations!)**
- Cleaning cloth or pull swab
- Reeds
  - Vandoren, Rico Royal, Rico
    - 5/6: 2.5 Strength
    - 7/8: 3 strength
- Neck Strap (one with nice padding and possibly a metal instead of plastic hook)
- Cork Grease
- Reed case (one that holds two or four reeds- cases allow the reeds to properly dry and set after playing)



### Brass

- **Mouthpiece Upgrade!**
  - This is the best thing you can do for a young musician
  - Stick to brand names, Bach, Schilke, etc.
  - Trumpets should be on 5C or 3C by 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Trombones should be on a 6 1/2 AL, 7C or 5G
  - Tubas I recommend
- Berp- Buzz Extension and Resistance Piece
  - Helps your tone and reach the higher notes
- Polishing cloth
- Mouthpiece brush
- Mutes
  - Harmon, straight (used most often), cup, plunger

### Percussion

- Soft, medium and hard yarn mallets
- Soft, medium and hard rubber mallets
- Timpani Mallets
- Snare Sticks
  - SD1 General (concert band)
  - Vic Firth 7A (Jazz band)
- Pitch Pipe (timpani tuning)
- Stick Bag
- Practice Pad
- Drum key