

Welcome to the Wonderful World of...

Bassoon!

Bassoon is a Specialty Instrument:

Your child has been selected to play a specialty instrument that is school-owned. Students that are selected to play these instruments are usually hand-picked, because fewer of these instruments are started during the 6th grade year. Your child has met the criteria to play the bassoon. We consider it an honor in the band to play one of these instruments. These instruments are expensive and normally cost between \$2000 and \$5000, which is why we provide the instrument to the student. School instruments are rented from the school for \$50 for the school year. You may either pay this in one sum at the beginning of the school year, or you may divide it into two payments: \$25 in August and \$25 in January.

Lessons with Julia Windle!

Like all other specialty instruments in the band program, we require all bassoon students to take private lessons. We have a professional bassoonist, Ms. Julia Windle, who comes to our school once a week and gives individual lessons to each of the students. Ms. Windle is offering to start the CRMS 6th grade bassoon students this summer! All you need to do is contact Ms. Windle to set up summer lessons. She will then contact the band directors to get a bassoon for your child. Here is her contact information:

juliawindle@gmail.com
512-587-6595

Bassoon Supply List:

All supplies will need to be brought to school on the 3rd day of classes: August 24, 2011.

Supplies you can find at music companies:

1. "S" hook leather seat strap: best price is \$16.95 found at forrestsmusic.com/bassoon_straps
2. 2 bassoon reeds at all times: please buy reeds from Ms. Windle
3. Bassoon reed case: please purchase from Ms. Windle
4. Fox bassoon swab kit: found for \$21.49 at www.wwbw.com/Fox-Bassoon-Swab-Kit-420395-i1133466.wwbw
5. Water container: can wait until your first lesson with Ms. Windle to find out what kind is best
6. Bocal brush: found for \$7.79 at www.wwbw.com/Fox-Bassoon-Bocal-Brush-420394-i1133465.wwbw
7. Cork grease
8. The "Korg TM-40" metronome and tuner combo
9. Music stand for home practice (folding wire stand is most economical)
10. Band Textbooks
 - Essential Elements 2000 Plus DVD for bassoon book 1
 - Five Minute Theory for bassoon by Mark Wessels

Supplies you can find at local stores:

1. 3-ring notebook (1 inch or ½ inch) of any color (they will need a black one in 7th grade)
2. Pencil pouch and several pencils
3. Mirror about the size of a locker mirror (versions with magnets on the back stay on the school stands easily)