

Welcome to the Wonderful World of...

Oboe!

Oboe 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 oboe. 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 Amy Burgus!

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

amyburgus@hotmail.com
512-326-9189

Oboe 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. 3 oboe reeds at all times: please buy reeds from Ms. Burgus
2. Hodge oboe reed case: a great and affordable model can be found for \$7.30 at <http://www.opentip.com/Musical-Instruments/Ann-Hodge-Double-Reed-Cases-Reed-Oboe-p-1344304.html>
3. Silk oboe swab: a great version with a tail (helps get the swab out if it gets stuck) can be found for \$9.00 at singindog.com/html/oboe_acc.html
4. Water container: great containers are a 35mm film container or a prescription medicine bottle that has been cleaned
5. Cork grease
6. The "Korg TM-40" metronome and tuner combo
7. Music stand for home practice (folding wire stand is most economical)
8. Band Textbooks
 - Essential Elements 2000 Plus DVD for oboe book 1
 - Five Minute Theory for oboe 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. Page protectors (about 10)
4. Mirror about the size of a locker mirror (versions with magnets on the back stay on the school stands easily)