

Welcome to the Wonderful World of...

Tuba!

Tuba 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 tuba. 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.

Like all other specialty instruments in the band program, we require all tuba students to take private lessons. We have three professional low brass teachers that come to CRMS during the school year for lessons. Lessons are paid for by the family and occur once a week. The time can be anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour. Prices are evaluated every summer by the district. We will have a new price list when school starts. An enrollment form for lessons will go home on the first day of school with your child. As soon as the enrollment form is returned, we will have a lesson teacher contact you to set up a specific time that works for your family and the teacher.

Tuba 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. Tuba mouthpiece: Bach 24 AW
2. "Al Cass Fast" valve oil
3. Schilke slide grease
4. Mouthpiece brush
5. Cleaning 'snake'
6. Untreated polish cloth
7. The "Korg TM-40" metronome and tuner combo
8. Music stand for home practice (folding wire stand is most economical)
9. Band Textbooks

Essential Elements 2000 Plus DVD for tuba book 1

Five Minute Theory for tuba 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)
4. Black hand towel