

St Paul's High School Grade 9 Concert Band Information Letter



Dear Grade 9 Concert Band Parents/Guardians,

My name is Giovanni Verrelli and I am the band director at St. Paul's High School. I look forward to meeting your son and welcoming him into the exciting tradition of creating music at St. Paul's this year! This letter details a checklist of band items that your son should have ready for the commencement of classes in the September.

Checklist of Items

Instrument Rentals:

- It is expected that students who play **flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet** and **trombone** will rent these instruments from a **music store**.
- St. Paul's will rent to students, as many of the larger instruments as are available, at a price comparable to the rental of a flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone. St. Paul's subsidizes the rental of these other instruments (**Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Euphonium and Tuba**) to make it possible for all our students to have equal access to these more costly instruments.
- Percussionists will use the range of instruments available in the band room (there will be a rental fee for using these instruments as well).

Long & McQuade Rentals:

Follow the link provided to access band instrument rentals with Long & McQuade: <https://rentals.long-mcquade.com/> Through the link, select the appropriate instrument, make the payment online, and choose whether to pick it up in store or have it delivered to the school. The rental requests submitted online are relayed to the local stores for processing.

Accessories:

All band instruments require certain accessories. For example, to play the clarinet, reeds and cork grease are needed. If you are renting an instrument from a music store, please confirm with an employee if all appropriate accessories are provided with the instrument at the time of purchase. **Students who are renting instruments from the school, will be provided with accessories.**

- Instrument Tuner Application:** Each student will require a tuner for their instrument. There are numerous tuning apps that are accessible for free on android and apple

smartphones. If possible, please download “insTuner” (for android and apple smartphones).

❑ **Percussionist Students**

All percussionists are to purchase the following items:

- Pair of Concert Drumsticks: **General Custom Round Tip Sticks:** [Vic Firth General Custom Round Tip Sticks | Long & McQuade \(long-mcquade.com\)](http://www.vicfirth.com/Vic-Firth-General-Custom-Round-Tip-Sticks)
- A **pitch pipe tuner:** Purchase at any music store or online at Amazon.

Please feel free to contact me at gverrelli@stpauls.mb.ca if you have any questions or concerns about the above information.

Sincerely,

Giovanni Verrelli,

Director of Bands

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