



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. School rentals will be distributed to students in the first week of classes.

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.

Clarinet and Saxophone Students: Please purchase Vandoren reeds in either 2.5 or 3 strength for your specific instrument from Long & McQuade.





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: KORG Chromatic Tuner** (purchase from crusader shop or music store)

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 \(long-mcquade.com\)](#)
- ☐ 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
St. Paul's High School

