

Parents of percussionists new to Memorial Middle School –

As your student moves on to the next level, there are a few more supplies he/she will need in order to perform on our instruments. Using proper sticks/mallets is essential to learning accurate technique and maintaining the excellent percussion equipment we have at Memorial. Please review the list below to see what sticks/mallets are required. There are a few different options, as some students already have some of the sticks required. A quality set of sticks and mallets that are taken care of can last five years or more – so please keep in mind that this is not a purchase that will have to be made on a yearly basis. You can find the items listed below online and at local music stores. Please try to purchase your stick bag by then end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

All middle school percussion students must have:

Set of snare sticks, marimba mallets, xylophone mallets (the bell mallets from the percussion kits purchased in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will not work), and a stick bag. If you do not already have any of these, here are some that we highly recommend:

- 5B Vic Firth Snare Drum Sticks
- M3 Vic Firth Medium Yarn Marimba Mallets
- M4 Musser Hard Grey Xylophone Mallets
- Vic Firth Stick/Mallet Bag

The optional equipment is:

- Weiss Triangle Beaters – Set of 4
- T3 Vic Firth Staccato Timpani Mallets – Although this is optional now, students will need them in High School. We would highly recommend students auditioning for Middle School All-State Band purchase these

Recommended Package Deals:

- Vic Firth EP2 Intermediate Educational Pack – includes a bag, 2 pairs of snare sticks, xylophone mallets, marimba mallets and timpani mallets
- Liberty 1 Basic Stick Pack – less expensive than the Vic Firth pack, but is of lower quality and durability

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you have about purchasing equipment or anything else band. We look forward to having your student with us at Memorial!

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