

# Top Ten Things Band Parents Need to Know

**1) What Your Child MUST Bring to Each Class Their Instrument and Their Music Book**

(and any sheet music they have received) Extra Reeds (Clarinets and Saxes only) Students will need about 15-20 reeds for the whole year. Buy #2 reeds. You can find them at West Valley Music.

**2) Our Website** [www.scoolspiritband.com](http://www.scoolspiritband.com). Please bookmark our website now. There is a wealth of information here including, online instructional videos, answers to frequently asked questions, and copies of forms and permission slips given out throughout the year.

**3) Music Store** If your child loses any of their supplies, replace them by going to West Valley Music 300 W El Camino Real, Mountain View (650) 961-1566

**4) Concert Dates and Times** Mark your calendar now with the concert dates listed in this handbook. Students should arrive at the school 15 minutes before the concert start time.

**5) Class Times** Please read through your class schedule. There are a few special classes that involve only certain instruments or special times due to minimum days. Please pick up your child promptly after class is over. Give your child your cell phone number in case they need to call you.

**6) Picking Up Your Child** Please know the time that your child's class ends and please pick up your child directly after class.

**7) Practice** We suggest that each band student practices 20-30 minutes a day, four or five times a week in order to see ongoing improvement.

**8) Instrument Repairs** If an instrument rented from West Valley Music isn't playing correctly, leave it with your band teacher and we will have it repaired by West Valley Music. West Valley Music will usually repair all leased instruments for free, as long as the damage to the instrument is not due to neglect. The turn around time on repairs is usually about one to two weeks. West Valley Music typically will drop off repaired instruments in the school office. Your child should check the office one week after they have turned their instrument in to their teacher.

**9) Dropping the Class** If you need to drop the class you must do it in writing (email is acceptable). Prorated refunds will be provided up until the third week of each semester. Please email [scoolspiritmusic@gmail.com](mailto:scoolspiritmusic@gmail.com) if you need to drop the class.

**10) 2nd Semester Sign-ups** The form for signing up your son/daughter for the second semester of band is located on the website. Follow the instructions listed there to enroll your child in the second semester of band.