

Dear Parent or Guardian:

After three weeks of learning about and trying different instruments, and today's professional fitting, your student:

_____ has chosen to play _____.

Here's how to get an instrument!

1. Your student may already have the instrument. If so, you're all set.
2. Most students rent instruments from Meyer Music. We will be having an information meeting/first lesson on Thursday September 16th at 6pm in the middle school band room. (More information on the back of this flyer) Meyer will be on hand to rent out instruments there. You can also visit the Meyer Music store on Sternberg Road.
3. The school owns a very limited number of instruments that we loan to families with financial difficulties. We definitely don't have enough of these instruments for everyone. Your student may not get their first choice of instruments. If you would like to pursue this option, you should also come to the informational meeting listed above.

Please be careful if you chose to obtain an instrument via the internet or a department type store. We have had many disappointed students in the past as these instruments often break easily and the local repair shops do not carry parts for them. Instruments that are offered in colors other than traditional are known to be poorly made. If you are considering buying a used instrument or an instrument from a store other than Meyer Music, it may be a good idea to check with Mr. Merchant to at least make sure the brand name on the instrument is one that can be supported by local shops.

We will begin playing with instruments in band class on Friday **September 17th**. If at all possible, please try to get your instruments prior to this date so your student can participate in this exciting day.

Questions? Contact Mr. Merchant at bryan.merchant@orchardview.org

Beginning Band

Instrument rental & First Lesson Night!

Thursday September 16th

6-7pm

OVMS Band Room

This is an open house style event, you may come at any time during the hour.

Meyer Music will be on hand to complete instrument rentals. Mr. Merchant will be on hand to answer questions or talk about school borrowed instruments. High School Band members will be there to give students lessons on assembly and first notes.

Can't make it? Instrument rentals can be completed at the Meyer Music store on Sternburg Road, or online at <https://www.meyer-music.com/>