



2009 – 2010

For band class in 2009-2010, we will begin using the Smart Music system of practice and assessment. This will require the following items for use in your home. If any items are unattainable due to financial reasons, please contact me ASAP so we can ensure that your student has the necessary materials for class in 2009-2010.

- ★ Home internet access of any kind.
- ★ Smart Music Subscription from www.smartmusic.com for use at home. This is STRONGLY recommended. Smart Music time at school will be limited to before and after school and to only one computer in the band room. At home, students can record exercises as many times as they would like to reach the highest score possible!!! The cost for online access at home is **\$30**. Once students record assignments, they will submit them to me and I will be able to listen to the assignments and make comments online! This will maximize individual accountability for assigned materials while also maximizing rehearsal time in class.
- ★ A microphone is required to use the recording, tuner, assessment and Intelligent Accompaniment® features. Smart Music offers instrumental microphones that have undergone extensive testing to ensure the best results with Smart Music. These are available for sale on the Smart Music website. ANY MICROPHONE THAT CAN BE ATTACHED TO YOUR COMPUTER WILL WORK. 😊

Smart Music will allow for accurate assessment of every individual in the band in the comfort of your homes. It will open new doors for students in practice and performance. It will encourage practice! It will create stronger and more confident young musicians and an even stronger band!

Please make sure students are signed up before the first day of school (8.19.09)! Again, if you have any financial concerns about attaining Smart Music or anything affiliated with its successful use in your home, please contact Mr. Carron ASAP.

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