



DISCOVERY BAND CLASS SUPPLIES LIST

FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS:

- 1-inch black binder with dividers and sheet protectors
- 2 mechanical pencils (no wood pencils allowed)
- Your band class method book
- All music literature and warm-ups from Mr. Whitlock
- Metronome and Tuners apps for you smart device
(discoverybands.org/suggested-music-apps/) or if you prefer hardware then a Korg TM-50TR Metronome/Tuner (smart device apps are way cheaper)
- Cleaning supplies for all instruments
(including valve oil for brass, cork grease for reed instruments, polishing cloth for flutes, etc.)
- Wire Music Stand (for home)
- Note taking materials for class

SPECIFIC FOR BRASS PLAYERS:

- **BLACK** hand towel
(not washcloth and not bath towel; must be **black**)
- Breathing tube (*see next page*)

SPECIFIC FOR WOODWIND PLAYERS:

- Minimum of three (3) Reeds for clarinets and saxes
(Juno reeds size 2 for beginners, VanDoren reeds for 7th/8th graders, size 3 to 3 ½)
- Bassoons and oboes will have custom reeds from their private lesson teacher or see Mr. Whitlock
- Breathing tube (*see next page*)

SPECIFIC FOR PERCUSSIONISTS:

- At least one pair of Vic Firth SD-1 General snare drum sticks
- *Recommended:* Yarn mallets and small mallet bag

Contact Mr. Whitlock with any questions at 734-416-7960 or
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Breathing Tubes for Discovery Band

Greetings Brass and Woodwind players and parents,

We will be using a new device this year known as a Breathing Tube for the wind players. This device has a handle that can close part of the tube creating resistance for the airstream. This is like “weightlifting” for the lungs. If you have an asthmatic condition please let the staff know so we can adjust the exercises for you. The tube is actually a Compact Ball Valve, which you can find at Lowes or Home Depot in the plumbing department. Here are the specific breathing tubes and measurements for specific instruments:

This is the $\frac{1}{2}$ ” **Compact Ball Valve** and is for the Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, and French Horns (check the print on the rim carefully for size listing before purchasing and this model costs around \$6):



This is the $\frac{3}{4}$ ” **Compact Ball Valve** and is for all Saxes, Bass Clarinets, Trombones, and Baritones (check the print on the rim carefully for size listing before purchasing and this model costs around \$8):



This is the **1**” **Compact Ball Valve** and is only for Tubas (check the print on the rim carefully for size listing before purchasing and this model costs around \$12):



Students need to have these specific tubes by the first Tuesday of school. This simple piece of equipment could have a major impact on our year and we look forward to using them. If you have any questions please let me know.

Many thanks,
Mr. Marc Whitlock