



# DISCOVERY BAND CLASS SUPPLIES LIST

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## FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS:

- 1-inch black binder with dividers and sheet protectors
- 2 mechanical pencils (no wood pencils allowed)
- Essential Elements Interactive book for your instrument (*Book 1 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Book 2 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade*)
- All music literature and warm-ups
- Metronome/Tuner Korg TM-50 or smart device app (*see Mr. Whitlock for more info*)
- Valve oil for brass instruments
- Minimum of three (3) Reeds for clarinets and saxophones (*Juno reeds for beginners, VanDoren reeds for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders*)
- Cork grease for clarinets and saxophones
- Polishing cloth for flutes
- Cleaning supplies for all instruments
- Music Stand (*for home*)
- Note taking materials
- Breathing tube for wind players
- **BLACK** hand towel for brass players  
(not washcloth and not bath towel; must be **black**)

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# BREATHING TUBES FOR DISCOVERY BAND

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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 at school by Tuesday, September 17. 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