

Instrument care

- ◆ Identify a safe place at home to store your child's instrument. This should be away from heat sources and in a place where it will not be jarred or knocked over.
- ◆ Your child's instrument should ALWAYS be stored in its case.
- ◆ The instrument should never be shared with anyone who does not know how to play it and care for it.
- ◆ Each student will be asked to demonstrate that they know how to handle and care for their instrument
- ◆ If repairs are necessary:
 - For Burroughs instruments: bring the instrument to the office at Burroughs
 - For other instruments: arrange for repairs at a reputable repair shop. Consult the band director if you are not sure where to take the instrument.

Instrument Supplies

Flute: soft cloth to clean out flute with cleaning rod after each use.

Can also be used to polish outside. (handkerchief, bandanna, piece of old t-shirt work well)

Clarinet: box of reeds, Rico 2s. (reeds are not provided)

Instrument swab (to get the moisture out after use)

Cork grease (to keep the cork moist)

Saxophone: box of reeds, Rico 2s. (reeds are not provided)

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Neck strap—will come with your instrument and should be returned with the instrument

Trumpet: Bottle of valve oil

Trombone: Slide cream and small spray bottle

Baritone: Bottle of valve oil

Percussion: Practice pad & drum sticks

Music resources

Groth Music/ 8056 Nicollet Ave./ Bloomington/ 55420/ 952.884.4772

Schmitt Music/ 2906 W. 66th St./ Edina/ 55423/ 612.238.9930

Online music sites

The Woodwind & Brasswind: www.wwbw.com

Interstate Music: www.interstatemusic.com



The Mount Olivet School of Music
Band
In Partnership with
Burroughs Community School

Handbook for Parents & Students

Thank you for participating in the
Mount Olivet/ Burroughs band program. Learning to play
a musical instrument can be exciting and rewarding.
Students have the best chance for success with
their parents' help!

The Mount Olivet School of Music
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Mission Statement: To encourage students to make progress towards becoming well-rounded musicians who can play and appreciate music.

Goal: To develop a solid base of musical skills and techniques including:

- Instrumental technique
- Music learning and listening
- Music appreciation
- Ensemble playing
- Independent learning

On Band Days

Arrival: Students are escorted from Burroughs to Mount Olivet by Burroughs staff. Mount Olivet staff meet them at door#4 (on the James Ave. side of the building)

If your child needs to eat before 5:15 please provide a snack that is easy to eat to be eaten at Burroughs only.

Departure: The registration form provides three options for students— return to Burroughs (for students enrolled in Mpls. Kids), walk home or parent pick up. MO staff will follow the option indicated on the registration form unless notified otherwise. If the after-school destination changes, please let us know by calling the Music School office at 612.767.2262 or by email at mosom@mtolivet.org.

Parent pick-up: In line with Burroughs policies, parents are required to come to the door of the classroom to pick up their child. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to exit the classroom without a responsible adult.

On band days students should bring:

- Instrument
- Pencil
- Music/Band book
- Band folder
- Practice card

Classroom Expectations

Listen to and follow directions

Only play your instrument when invited to play

Respect is expected of all

Stay on task/ focus on band

Give your best effort

Practicing

Playing an instrument is like everything else—the more you practice the better you get! Each week your student's assignment will be emailed to the address given on the registration form. A practice card will be on the inside of each student's band book. The practice card has a place for the student to record the amount of time they practiced and a spot for parent signature.

Practice expectations per week:

75 minutes = superior

60 minutes = excellent

45 minutes = good

30 minutes = fair

15 minutes = poor

Ideas to support your student at home

Help your child to establish a daily practice habit. Find a quiet place where your child can focus on learning and help her/him to make it a priority.

Listen to good music and attend live musical performances.

Did you play in band? Share your best memories of band and talk about what lies ahead—middle school band, high school band, (maybe college band) lots of fun and rewarding experiences!

If the opportunity arises, invite your child to play his/her instrument for others.

Communication

Communication with parents will be primarily by email. The registration form provides a place for you to give us your email address. If this changes, please let us know at mosom@mtolivet.org

Assessments will be given to students every fourth rehearsal.

Band directors may be reached by email at:
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