

Percussion Equipment Fee - Fall 2010

Percussion Parents: the purpose of this flyer is to inform you about a change we've made in how we deal with percussion equipment.

- * **In the past**, we have been inconsistent about handling equipment needs. Snare, tenor and bass drummers had to purchase their own sticks and mallets, while cymbal players and front ensemble members had mallets, straps, pads, etc. provided free of charge. Everything breaks after awhile and needs replacement, so we were struggling to keep up our inventory while only collecting money for certain items. It also wasn't fair for each student.
- * **From now on**, we will use a new system. Each percussion student, regardless of what instrument they play, will pay a one time \$25.00 equipment fee each season. This covers everything they will need to participate (except metronome and practice pad which are available for check-out if a student does not own one). Because of the HUGE amount of equipment we use and how much of it we go through each year, we feel this is an incredible deal. To purchase everything individually, the cost could run 5-10 times higher per student.

Your \$25.00 Percussion Equipment Fee is due by the end of band camp (August 6), so we have time to order everything we'll need for the season.

Please see Nate Bourg if you have questions about the new system for percussion equipment.

Further Details:

- Percussion equipment fee can NOT be paid through your Student Account. Use your account money for Fair Share Commitment, Meal Plan, Transportation or Travel fees.
- Make checks payable to "Beyer Band Boosters" with "Percussion Equipment Fee" and your student's name in the memo portion of the check.
- Cash is accepted, but please have the amount verified before sealing the payment envelope and ask for a receipt.
- Payments can be made through Paypal on Charms or on beyerband.org, but the total would be \$25.75 (adding 3% surcharge).

Examples of what this pays for (and what you would pay if you ordered individually online or in a store):

Snare sticks (\$8 per pair), Concert Bass Mallets (\$26 each), Marching Bass Drum Mallets (\$25-40 per pair), Tenor Mallets (\$23 per pair), Keyboard Mallets (\$25-40 per pair), Snare drum top head (\$45 each), Snare drum bottom head (\$35 each), Marching Bass Heads (\$36-60 each), Cymbal pads (\$20), Cymbal straps (\$10 per pair), and MUCH MUCH more!

Everything listed above needs to be replaced often, and will NOT last more than one season at maximum. We thank you for your support and understanding as we continue our efforts to fund our very successful percussion program!