



# WUNDERLICH WILDCAT BAND

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Dear Future Wildcat,

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Wunderlich Wildcat Band! We are very excited to have you as a new member of our “band family”. The following information will help you prepare for the start of the school year and the beginning of your endeavors in band.

**Tuba**: School will provide the instrument

**Supplies must include:** Conn Helleberg 120-7B tuba mouthpiece, tuba mouthpiece pouch, Al Cass valve oil, Selmer tuning slide grease.

Every beginning woodwind and brass player is also expected to provide the following:

- Band Book - Essential Elements 2000 for Tuba – Book 1
- Korg TM40 Tuner/Metronome
- Black 1” binder with 5 dividers (labeled WARM-UP/DRILL, SCALES/TECHNIQUE, MUSIC, RHYTHM SHEETS, and PRACTICE)
- A pencil bag for your binder
- 2-3 sharpened pencils
- Yellow highlighter
- A music stand for at-home practice

Tuba, like any other instrument, will require practice at home. Consistent daily practice for a small amount of time (about 10 minutes per day at the beginning of the year, increasing to 20-30 minutes per day by the end of the year) will ensure that students meet both their individual goals and the goals the teacher has for the class.

Please ***DO NOT*** play on your instrument or use your cleaning supplies until we all learn how to use these things together at school. Muscles learn habits and we want to make sure your muscles learn good ones! Many local music stores will deliver the items you purchase to Wunderlich for the first day of school. We ask that all band students bring their black band binder and Essential Elements book with them on the first day of school.

Please don’t hesitate to call or e-mail one the band office if you have any questions or concerns about the band program. We look forward to working with you next year!

The Wunderlich Band Staff