

# INSTRUMENTS OFFERED



## FLUTE:

The Flute is played by blowing across an opening in the mouthpiece. It is held horizontally and is made of silver and nickel. Its sound is light and high.

## OBOE:

The Oboe is a woodwind instrument with a double reed. It plays the melody very often and is held like a recorder. Its sound is haunting and melodious.

## CLARINET:

The Clarinet is a very important instrument in the woodwind family. The tone is produced by blowing into a mouthpiece with a single reed. Its sound is rich, warm and strong.

## ALTO SAXOPHONE:

The Alto Saxophone is played by blowing into a mouthpiece with a reed. It is made mostly of brass which gives it a bright, smooth sound.

## FRENCH HORN:

The French Horn has the most velvety tone of the brass instruments. It blends well with other band instruments and plays notes that are high and low. It is played by blowing into a cup-shaped mouthpiece. (East Prairie School rentals available.)



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## TRUMPET or CORNET:

The Trumpet or Cornet are similar brass instruments with a sound that is both high and full. They are played by blowing into a cup-shaped mouthpiece and using valves to change the notes.



## TROMBONE:

The Trombone is a brass instrument that can play low notes as well as the melody. The notes are produced by blowing into a mouthpiece and by moving a slide instead of using valves.



## BARITONE HORN:

The Baritone plays the same, low notes as the Trombone but uses valves like the Trumpet to play the different notes. It has a big, round sound. (East Prairie School rentals available.)



## TUBA:

The Tuba plays the lowest notes in the band. It is twice as big as the Baritone and is the largest of the band instruments. It has a deep tone that is produced by blowing into a large, cup-shaped mouthpiece. (East Prairie School rentals available.)



## PERCUSSION:

Percussion is played by tapping sticks or mallets on instruments to produce a rhythmic sound. Beginning percussionists learn to play orchestra bells (xylophone) and snare drum.

