

Dear Parents,



Very soon, your child will begin a new unit in music class; Playing the Recorder. The recorder is an authentic woodwind instrument which gives students an opportunity to extend their musical experience through practical application on a personal instrument. With the recorders, we will learn to play simple melodies and learn to read symbolic and traditional music notation. Reading music includes identifying the notes on the staff, deciphering rhythmic duration, making sense of time signatures, and recognizing various other musical directions. Each student will be assigned their own disinfected school recorder and will be provided with all necessary music. Should you wish to purchase a recorder for your child, I have provided a list of resources below. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have. My email address is [lcombs@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:lcombs@rochester.k12.mi.us).

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Resources for purchasing a **Yamaha Soprano** recorder

- Annie's Music 248 853-5777
  - 2646 South Rochester Road
- Marshall Music Co. 248 457-0300
  - 4052 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI, 48085
- Limelight Music 248 375-0220
  - 3220 Walton Blvd
- [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) - YRS-20 style comes in blue, pink, or green, but YRS-23, and YRS-24 in the natural color are wonderful as well.

\*All three music stores sell the **Yamaha Soprano Recorder**. Prices are around \$10 at the stores, and I have seen some as low as \$4.99 on Amazon.

\*Please note that dollar store recorders are not suitable *during* music class. You absolutely may purchase a dollar store recorder for practicing at home. However, they may sound different than the recorders used here at school. Therefore, please keep dollar store recorders at home for practice only.

Thanks!