REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR WINDS

The items below are required for certain sections in the band. Please review this information carefully and make sure to place your order(s) in time to have these items with you for MRD Camp, August 21.

ALL BRASS – Trumpet, Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba

BERP: Each member of the MRD brass section should own their own Berp to be used during rehearsals for buzzing. They attach universally to any lead pipe. These can be found online and at most music stores.

Note: If you already own a Trumpet/Horn “Classic” Berp (metal, fits in lead pipe), this will work. However, the plastic Berp is recommended as it is less likely to get lost and provides a more natural placement of the mouthpiece on the horn.

MOUTHPIECES: All brass players must provide their own mouthpiece(s). For those using university instruments (Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba) please see below:

Mellophone: Please purchase a Mellophone mouthpiece – Yamaha MP14F4. Trumpet mouthpieces or Horn mouthpieces with an adaptor are not acceptable.

Trombone/Baritone: Large Bore mouthpiece – Bach 6 ½ AL or Bach 5G are recommended

Tuba: Any tuba mouthpiece will work. The Conn Helleberg is recommended – a good, quality mouthpiece that is affordable.
VALVE OIL/SLIDE GREASE: Please make sure to have the necessary valve oil and/or slide grease with you. Consider having enough for the entire season. And Step #2 . . . use it!!

TOWELS: Mellophones, Baritones, and Tubas are REQUIRED to provide a towel to use when placing your school instrument on the ground – these will also be useful to keep your horns clean/dry. It is recommended that Trumpets, Trombones, and Tubas also bring one to use when necessary.

LYRES

LYRES: ALL WIND PLAYERS . . . well, almost all winds (Flute/Pic, Trombone, and Tuba are excluded) must provide their own lyre for use during stand band with flip folders. These must be in hand by the first stand band rehearsal, SATURDAY, August 27. Note: Flip Folders are provided.

SAXOPHONES & CLARINETS

REEDS: Please make sure you have a selection of appropriate reeds with you. It is recommended, due to the number of rehearsals and performances as well as the changing weather conditions, that you have at least 3 or 4 reeds to choose from at all times. Please have these in some type of reed case in order to protect them in your case during the seasons.

USING THE SAME REED ALL SEASON IS NOT ACCEPTABLE: A good sound, even on a “marching” horn, can only be created with good equipment, a quality mouthpiece, ligature, and reed.

MUSIC STANDS

While the Marching Royal Dukes provides a limited number of music stands for rehearsals, it is recommended that you invest in a collapsible/portable wire music stand to keep with you during rehearsals. This will save you a trip to get a JMU music stand, and ensure that you will always have a stand on which to place your music during rehearsals.