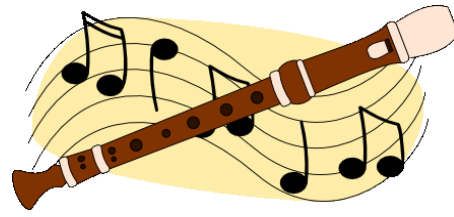


September 17, 2021



Dear 3rd Grade Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to announce that your child will be learning to play the recorder for music class. As mentioned on the supply list, please **follow the directions below to pay the \$6.50 for the recorder** that is being supplied by the school. There are great variations in recorders made by different companies, so it is important that all students use the same brand and model recorder in class so they are in tune with each other. If your child is getting a sibling's recorder from a previous year or have their own already, please make sure it is this model: **Yamaha Soprano Baroque YRS-24B**.

I am requesting that students **practice at home at least 20 minutes a week**. This can be done all at once or spread out over the week. Please encourage your child to practice their music at home. The more they practice, the more songs they will learn to play, the easier it will get, and the more enjoyable the experience will be for all.

If your child has a different brand/model recorder at home, please keep that one at home for practice and purchase a School Recorder to keep in their locker for music class. If they do not have a recorder at home already, the student will be taking their School Recorder home to practice during the week and then bring it back to school on the day they have music class (3A Tuesday, 3B Thursdays, 3C Fridays).

If you want to leave a recorder at school and have a separate one at home, you may purchase an extra one from a dollar store, toy store, and music store or you could purchase a second recorder through the school (additional \$6.50). Note: the extra Home Recorder does not have to be the same brand and model as the School Recorder.

Students will not be physically blowing into their recorders while in the classrooms due to their masks. We have plans to take them outside at times, keeping over 6' distance so they can practice but they will also be required to practice and record themselves at home. Instructions on how to do that will come later.

*****Remember:** *Your child is responsible for having their School Recorder and music folder for every music class, even half days and Mass days.****

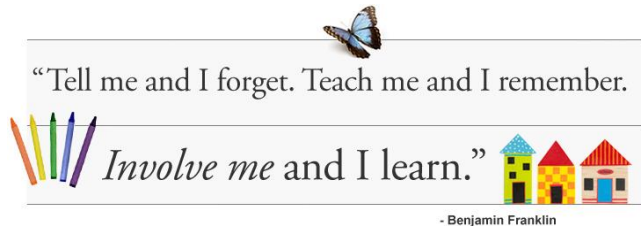
PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1) If your child already has a YAMAHA SOPRANO BAROQUE recorder, send me an e-mail by Friday, 9/24 and send in the recorder with your child to their next Music class.
pfrazier@sjrcs.org
- 2) If you need to purchase a recorder, please use MY SCHOOL BUCKS to pay by credit card or e-check:
 - a. www.sjrcs.org – click the My School Bucks icon
 - b. Select “Browse All Items”
 - c. Find the item labeled “Music Recorder 3rd Grade Only”
 - d. Make your selection (1 or 2 recorders = \$6.50 each recorder)
 - e. Process your payment
- 3) We prefer the online payment method, but if you are unable to use MY SCHOOL BUCKS, you will need to mail a check payable to SJRCS and mark the envelope Attention: 3rd Grade Recorders. We must receive the check by Friday, October 1st.

I am so happy that we are able to continue this long tradition and great learning activity for our 3rd graders in this ever-changing year. I look forward to helping your children learn to play this musical instrument. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peggy Frazier
Music Teacher, SJRCS
pfrazier@sjrcs.org



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