

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURCHASING YOUR SMARTMUSIC SUBSCRIPTION

The past few months, students have learned how I use the computer to help them learn how to practice their music. The software I use in the band room is called SmartMusic. The code listed below will let you purchase a SmartMusic subscription for \$20 - a savings of \$100 over the normal home subscription of \$9.95 per month.

I have reserved 20 copies for students of the South Hadley Schools.

Our code is: TIGERPRIDE (remember to use all capital letters)

There are choices of how families can Purchase a SmartMusic Subscription for \$20

1) Visit www.smartmusic.com and enter your code to purchase a subscription for \$20. (This subscription gives you access to the entire accompaniment library and all of SmartMusic's features for one year from your date of purchase). You can download the file or have them just mail you the CD-Rom. Remember that you can only install this for one computer and it only needs to be connected to the internet for the installation. After that you will not need to be connected to the internet

* You can also choose to purchase a microphone for \$10 and other accessories. A microphone is required for recording, Intelligent Accompaniment, tuning and assessment. While most microphones (including built-in mics) will work with SmartMusic, the company does recommend the SmartMusic microphone because it has undergone extensive testing to ensure the best results with the program. It also has a clip (instrumental) or headset (vocal) to place the mic in the optimal position.

2) For convenience, they do accept all major credit cards. If you would prefer to pay with a check, just contact them at 888-874-2144 with your code (TIGERPRIDE) and they'll place the order for you. You will be shipped a free SmartMusic CD-ROM and any accessories you ordered. (shipping charges apply only if you get the microphone)

* Install SmartMusic and the entire accompaniment library from the CD-ROM. No downloading is necessary unless you just download the file and not wait for the CD-Rom to come in the mail.

* Open SmartMusic and activate your subscription by following the on-screen instructions. You will need to enter your email address and password that you created when you ordered your subscription. Activation takes a few minutes and does require an Internet connection. (No ongoing Internet connection is needed to use SmartMusic after activation.)

* Start practicing! You can learn how to set-up and use SmartMusic by watching the SmartMusic QuickStart Videos. These videos can be accessed from the Help menu, the last screen of the Setup Wizard or the Welcome screen before you activate your subscription.

If you have any questions about how to use SmartMusic or encounter any problems, please don't hesitate to call their toll-free Technical Support line at 866-240-4041. The phones are open weekdays from 8.30am-8pm (CST). They can also be reached via email at: winsupport@smartmusic.com (PC) or macsupport@smartmusic.com (Mac)

More about SmartMusic (www.smartmusic.com):

This award-winning, computer-based interactive practice system gives students the tools and accompaniments they need to get better on their own:

- * Over 30,000 titles that make practicing at home fun!
- * Built-in Tuner and Metronome keep students in tune with a steady beat
- * Recording encourages students to analyze their performances.
- * Exercises that develop individual skills display right on the screen with a choice of accompaniments.
- * Beginning band and string students are guided with colorful Assessment graphics (String assessment currently available for violin and viola only).

System Requirements

Windows

Pentium-class 300MHz processor or higher, 128MB RAM, Windows 98SE/ME/2000/XP. CD-ROM drive. 400MB free disk space. Direct X 9 compatible sound card with full duplex support. One available USB or serial port for the foot pedal (optional). Monitor resolution must be 800x600 or higher.

Macintosh

G3 or higher processor, Mac OS 10.2.8 or higher. 128MB RAM minimum, 256MB RAM recommended. CD-ROM drive. 400MB free disk space. Microphone port or adaptor. Additional USB port for the foot pedal (optional). Monitor resolution must be 800x600 or higher.

Hopefully in the next few years, South Hadley Band students will be leading the state in the way we present our Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Marching Bands, Chamber Ensembles & Soloists. Combining this technology with a balanced curriculum, time for rehearsals, and opportunities for instruction, our students will exceed the state standards for the arts.