



July 17, 2017

Dear Tom Cox Parents and Students,

Welcome to the home of the Timberwolves where our mission is **“Growing Learners to be Productive Citizens”**. We hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation and are looking forward to the 2017/2018 school year. The purpose of this letter is to provide important information for students and parents of Tom Cox Intermediate.

The school year will begin for students on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 8:50. We are looking forward to our journey together! Teachers and staff have been preparing their classrooms in order to offer students the best possible opportunity for success.

Our 5th and 6th grades are organized in learning communities. Most 5th and 6th grade students will have four core teachers: math, science, reading, and social studies. However, we will have one 5th grade three person learning community, and one 5th grade and 6th grade two person learning community. Students are housed in a home-base and rotate to their other classrooms throughout the day.

Students will also attend a 45 minute fine arts block and a 45 minute physical education (PE) block every day. If your child was enrolled at Tom Cox in the spring of last year they should have completed a selection sheet choosing their fine arts. If for some reason they did not turn in a form or are new to Tom Cox they will be able to choose an elective at the start of school. If your child will be selecting band or orchestra, please do not purchase or rent an instrument at this time. Those teachers will provide parents with information on purchasing and renting instruments the first few weeks of school.

“Meet the Teacher Night” will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017. Fifth grade is scheduled from 5:30-7:00 and Sixth grade from 6:00-7:30. This “come and go affair” will allow parents and students the opportunity to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. We encourage you to drop off school supplies at this time. *Parking will be available at Tom Cox Intermediate and York Junior High. Please dress comfortably and wear shoes that allow for walking. If there is rain in the forecast you may want to remember to bring an umbrella. We appreciate your patience and understanding.*

If you have any additional questions, please call the school at 281-465-3200. You may check our school website for directions to the school at www.cox.conroeisd.net.

Sincerely,

Deborah Spoon
Principal

TOM COX INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
INFORMATION SHEET

“Meet the Teacher Night” will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017. 5:30-7:00 for 5th grade and 6:00-7:30 for 6th grade. *Some families may need to park along the road and walk to the campus. Parking is also available at York Junior High.*

Our traditional **“Open House”** will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 for 5th graders and Thursday, September 7, 2017, for 6th graders. Both meetings will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. At that time you will receive more information about our school programs for the 2017/2018 school year.

School Supplies – School supplies that were pre-purchased by parents will be distributed to the student’s home-base for “Meet the Teacher” night. For those who were unable to purchase supplies a list can be found on the school website and they can be purchased at local stores.

School-Shirts -Students and parents will be able to purchase the 2017/2018 Tom Cox T-shirt at “Meet the Teacher Night” and during the school year until sold out. Shirts will be \$15.00.

School Hours - Our school day begins at 8:50 a.m. and ends at 3:55 p.m. Students arriving early can enter the building at 8:00 and wait in the cafeteria until 8:30 when they are released to classrooms.

Car Riders – Typically we experience few problems as morning car riders arrive at school. During afternoon dismissal we experience more challenges as all car riders are dismissed at the same time. Dismissal procedures can be found on our school website. We ask for the parents' cooperation in this area. Please pick car riders up no later than 4:10 p.m.

Bus Riders – The transportation department works hard to ensure that all students are picked-up and dropped off in a safe and timely manner. However, during the first weeks of school, buses often run late. Please be aware that as school gets under way, bus schedules will be more accurate. Students can only ride the bus that they are normally assigned. The phone number for the Oak Ridge Transportation Center is 832-592-8850.

Release of Students for Personal/Medical Reasons- Students who need to be picked up early from school due to personal reasons or medical appointments need to be signed out by 3:15.

Medical Conditions and Medicine- Please be sure to inform our school nurse of any existing medical conditions. Any medication must be checked in through the clinic by the parents. Immunizations must be current. Should any problems arise you will be notified.

School Dress Code – The dress code will be included in the student handbook which is available to view online through the CISD website under the “student/parent link”. In addition an “addendum”, will be sent home addressing policies and procedures specific to Tom Cox Intermediate. Please review it with your child(ren) at home. Just a couple of reminders: ***No tank tops/halter tops. Shorts and skirts must reach the tip of the middle finger when standing in a relaxed position. Flip flops or open-backed shoes are not allowed. Tennis shoes are encouraged since students do not dress for gym class. Ripped or torn jeans above the knee are not allowed. Hair styles or unnatural hair colorings that may cause a distraction to the environment are not allowed.*

School Lunches –This year lunch will cost \$2.85 and breakfast is \$1.35. Financial assistance is available to students. An application for free and/or reduced lunch can be found online at childnutrition.conroeisd.net. Forms will also be sent home the first week of school and will need to be completed and returned. Often times during the first weeks of school students prefer to bring their lunch due to the long lines. As students learn their lunch numbers the lines will move faster. Please discuss with your child if he or she would prefer to bring their lunch at the beginning of the school year to ensure that he/she will have time for recess.

School Newsletter – *The Howl*, is the name of our school newspaper and will be sent home electronically the first Tuesday of each month and can also be found on our school website. This is a great way to keep up with important information, and upcoming activities and events that will be happening at Tom Cox Intermediate.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

We realize it may be a tradition to bring your child to school on the first day. Please keep in mind that Tom Cox Intermediate and York Junior High are located beside each other and it is a busy area.

We are working with transportation to determine the best possible solutions so you and your child will have a good experience at Tom Cox Intermediate. However, we are unable to predict how demanding traffic will be on the first day.

We encourage you to attend “Meet the Teacher Night”, tour the school and meet the teachers. It may be beneficial for your child to ride the bus the first day of school to avoid traffic delays.