

# NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN IT...

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During your recent visit to **Tom Cox Intermediate**, you learned that you have a choice for one of your classes in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Everyone takes Math, Science, Reading, Social Studies, and PE, but YOU get to CHOOSE the Fine Arts class that you will also take every day all year long!

## **As 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, your Fine Arts choices are:**

- **Art** – Similar to what you do in elementary school, but you get to do it every day!
- **Band** – Learn to play a Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone), Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba), or Percussion Instrument – *NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!*
- **Choir** – Learn about music and singing with choir and participate in fun performances all year!
- **Orchestra** – Learn to play a String (Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass) Instrument – *NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!*

## **Reminders:**

- Once you pick a class, you will stay in that class for the full 5<sup>th</sup> grade year, and hopefully for both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (and beyond!).
- If you even think you MIGHT want to learn an instrument, you should sign up for Band or Orchestra this year in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, as Beginner-level Band or Orchestra classes are not designed for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders – This is your best chance to get started on an instrument!!!

## **Come and try the instruments!!**

**Band Instrument Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, at Grand Oaks High School, 9:00 a.m. – Noon.** *This is a come-and-go event. Students will try all of our instruments to find the one that they fit best. Band directors will take time and discuss different instrument options with your child and will place instrument mouthpieces to help students create a sound. Some instruments have limited numbers, like percussion and saxophone. Students interested in these instruments should plan on interviewing for a secondary instrument choice. Please do not buy or rent an instrument until you have been to one of these Interviews!*

**Orchestra Instrument Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at Grand Oaks High School, 5 - 7 pm** (come and go, parents and students please come together). Come try all of instruments to find the one that fits you best – *Please note that students interested in Bass must play Cello for their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year. Also, please do not buy or rent an instrument until you have attended the interview or tried the instrument.*

## **Questions? Contact a representative from each Fine Art area:**

- **Art** – Robbi Pratt - rlpratt@conroeisd.net
- **Band** – Melissa Perry – mmperry@conroeisd.net
- **Choir** – Austin Hunt – arhunt@conroeisd.net
- **Orchestra** – LaShannen Martin -- lbmartin@conroeisd.net

## **What to do next?**

**You may make your choice online at <http://www.cox.conroeisd.net>** The button will appear on our school's website in "Latest News" by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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# **THE CHOICE IS YOURS!**