



Timberwolves L.E.A.D from the Heart...
We are Learners who are...Empathetic, Appreciate, and Dedicated

July 24, 2020

Dear Tom Cox Students and Parents,

Welcome to the home of the Timberwolves where our mission is **“Growing Learners to be Productive Global Citizens”**.

Now that we have an idea of what the start of the school year will look like, I want to reach out and share as much information with you as possible. I know it has been a difficult time for our students, parents and staff, but we are hopeful that our school year will be one filled with memories of learning and excitement. We look forward to the time we are all back in the building together and our world is safe. Until then, we will work diligently to ensure our student needs are met.

The start of the school year has not changed; it is still August 12, 2020. The first few weeks will be online learning and if all goes well, students will be back in the building for face-to-face learning on September 8, 2020. We cannot wait to see all the smiling faces!

Our school district has put together a “Roadmap-to-Reopening” that shares important information and an explanation of the expectations of online learning. It will look different from in the spring. Students will be expected to engage daily in learning and participate in class activities. Canvas will be used as the platform for students in grades 3-12 and teachers will be required to take attendance daily. Below is a link to the information about instruction:

<https://www.conroeisd.net/roadmap-to-reopening/remote-online-instruction/>

Students who do not have access to an electronic device to work from home will be allowed to check one out from the school. Once your child’s teachers have contacted you, please let them know you will need a device and we will arrange for you to pick one up.

Teachers will return to campus on August 5, 2020, and will begin on-line lessons for the first few weeks of school as well as when they return for face-to-face instruction. Our 5th and 6th grades are assigned to a homebase classroom and have three core teachers: math, science/social studies, and language arts. They will also be assigned to a Fine Arts and a PE class.

FINE ARTS: To get an idea of the Fine Arts choices you may go to our Cox Intermediate website and click on “Fine Arts Videos”. The videos will give you a snapshot of each class. If your child was enrolled at Tom Cox in the spring of last year, they probably completed a selection sheet. However, if for some reason they did not, or they have changed their mind about what they selected, they will still be given time make a choice. If your child selects band or orchestra, please do not purchase or rent an instrument at this time. Those teachers will provide parents with information about instrument fitting times, and on purchasing and/or renting instruments.

We will not hold a traditional “Meet the Teacher” night as we have done in the past. Homebase teachers will send out a video to students and parents before the start of school to introduce themselves and provide information about instruction. They will also ask for the student’s fine arts choice at that time so we can begin to build up classes.

Parents or Guardians should have received an email from Enrollment on Tuesday, July 14, with links to verify information and make instructional selections for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone not receiving this email should first check their spam or junk folder. If NO EMAIL ADDRESS is on file with the District, hard copy letters were mailed on July 15. If you do not find the email, please contact our PEIMS clerk at 281-465-3200, for assistance. You are required to verify information by Tuesday, July 28, 2020 before students are assigned a teacher.

We are here to answer any questions or talk through concerns you might have about the start-up of school, placement, or anything involving your child’s education. Below is the direct contact information to our leadership team:

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

Sincerely,

Deborah Spoon
Principal
Tom Cox Intermediate