



# Vogel

# Intermediate

Parent Information Meeting

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders for 2018-2019

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- Tara Vandermark, Principal
- Kindel Doucet, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal
- Thomas Polonyi, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal
- Racquel Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor
- Julia Rieke, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor
- Veronica Gonzalez, LA/SS Instructional Coach
- Rachel Zuazua, Math/Science Instructional Coach

# Administration

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- Ford Elementary (not Fox Run or Spring Creek Pines)
- Kaufman Elementary
- Houser Elementary
- Oak Ridge Elementary
  
- These students do not have to register to attend Vogel. Their records will be sent over from the elementary school.
- NEW!! Parents will be required to update their information online prior to receiving class schedules.

## **What schools attend Vogel?**

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- Learning Communities (LCs) consist of 3 teachers. Students will have 3 classes:
  - Reading
  - Math
  - Science/Social Studies
- Students will see each of their teachers for 100 minutes.
- Each Learning Community has a different Texas themed name.
- In addition to academic classes, students will attend PE and Fine Arts daily. These classes meet for 30 minutes each.

# Learning Communities

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- Student schedules are done manually.
- Student placement takes into consideration input from the sending elementary school.
- Placement is also dependent upon student programs, such as Bilingual, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, etc.
- Due to our size and meeting the needs of all students, we do not accept teacher requests.
- Students will be contacted by their homeroom teachers prior to “Meet the Teacher Night” on Monday, August 13, from 5:00-7:00pm.

# Placement in Classes

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- The Student Success Initiative (SSI) states that students in fifth grade must pass both the math and reading STAAR in order to be promoted to the sixth grade.
- Three opportunities are given to pass each of these STAAR tests.
- Science STAAR is also given at the fifth grade level. The science test is not included in SSI requirements for promotion.
- Our goal for these tests is growth

# **5<sup>th</sup> Grade SSI- Student Success Initiative**

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- School hours 8:50-4:00
- Students are marked tardy after 8:50
- Arrival – Students can not arrive prior to 8:00.
- Car riders - When dropping off or picking up students, parents must follow the car rider line. Cars cannot turn into the front parking lot from Geffert Wright. They must follow the car rider line. Parents may not pick up walkers anywhere on Geffert Wright.
- Buses depart at approximately 4:15 and 4:30pm

## **General Information – Hours and arrival/dismissal**

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## DRESS CODE

- The dress code is available online in the Elementary/Intermediate Student Handbook at <http://www.conroeisd.net/pdf/policies/ElementaryHandbookEng.pdf> and is a good resource when shopping for school clothes this summer. In addition to the guidelines listed in the handbook, Vogel includes more specific guidelines for dress code.

## CELL PHONES

- Students are allowed to have cell phones at school, but phones must be turned off and in the student's backpack while at school.
- Text messaging, Social Media and using phones to take pictures during school is strictly prohibited.

# General Information – Dress Code and Cell Phones

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- The following procedures are the same as the elementary procedures, and should be an easy transition for both students and parents:
  - Lunch accounts
  - Medication at school
  - Bus Information
    - You will register for the bus, as it will be taking your child to a new campus.
    - Your bus number may also change.
  - Physical Education classes

# General Information

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- Robert Beck, Orchestra
- Jennifer Brown, Brass
- Lauren Carter, Woodwinds
- Charlie Stott, Percussion
- Karen Bond, Choir
- Leigh Harrison, Art
- Martina Horelica, Art
- Patrick Mills, Art

Fine Arts classes meet daily for 30 minutes.

*Fine Arts selections require a year long commitment.*

# **Fine Arts at Vogel**

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- At the beginning of the year, students will be given a choice of band, orchestra, choir or art.
- If your child wishes to be in band or orchestra, please do not purchase an instrument over the summer. Teachers will assist your child in instrument selection and the correct size for the instrument.
- Students choosing art will have one art teacher for the entire school year.
- *Fine arts selection is a year long commitment.*

# **Fine Arts at Vogel**

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- Time Commitment
  - Year long schedule
  - Nightly/Weekly practice time required
  - Before/After school rehearsals
- Financial Commitment
  - Purchase or rental fee for instrument
  - Books, supplies and equipment for care
  - Event and competition fees
  - Optional private lessons

# **Band, Orchestra & Choir Considerations**

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- \$10-15 supplies
- Optional district and state events and competitions
- Projects and preparation times
- Year long schedule commitment
- Morning clubs available
- Annual Art Night
- Annual Vogel Art Off Competition

# Art Considerations

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- Organized clubs meet in the morning between 8:00-8:30
- Clubs for 2018-2019 may include:
  - Student Council
  - Art Club
  - Genealogy Club
  - Fitness Club
  - Book Club
  - Sign Language Club
  - Crochet Club
  - Robotics
  - Improvisation Club
  - Photography Club
  - Debate Club

# Extracurricular Activities

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- Discuss the similarities between elementary and intermediate.
- Ask your child what he/she is nervous about and address those concerns with your child.
- Discuss the options for fine arts and have more than one option in mind.

**How can you help with the transition to intermediate school?**

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- Look at your child's daily folder with work and conduct from the previous week.
- The Tumbleweed Press is our monthly newsletter. It is sent out via email and contains upcoming events and helpful information for parents.
- Like us on Facebook and Twitter!
- Go through your child's work at home to help organize and discuss what is going on in their classes.
- Get involved in PTO!

# **How can you get involved?**

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- Sign up for a Parent Access Center account. This can be found on the CISD website at <http://www.conroeisd.net/student-parent/pac.asp>. This account allows parents to see the current grades for their child in each class. It also shows absences, discipline and lunch money information. Parents must sign up for an account at the beginning of each year.
- The Vogel homepage can be accessed from the CISD website at <http://vogel.conroeisd.net/>. It will contain links, to teacher websites, The Tumbleweed Press and the Parent Calendar.
- Mrs. Vandermark's email – [tvandermark@conroeisd.net](mailto:tvandermark@conroeisd.net)

## **How can you stay involved?**

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**We look forward  
to a great year!**

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