

## **Frequently Asked Questions** **Cinco Ranch JH Band Program**

### **Can my child be successful in band even if they have never played an instrument before?**

Yes! Most of our students have never played an instrument before coming to Cinco Ranch JH. In a first year band class, your child's band director teaches them everything they need to know. **No prior musical knowledge is required.**

### **How do I get an instrument for my child?**

It is strongly suggested that you rent or purchase an instrument from a reputable music dealer. After you and your child have decided upon an instrument, CRJH band will provide detailed information on obtaining an instrument. Some school owned instruments are available based on need. Money should never be a reason to not pick band!

### **Can I do athletics and be in band?**

Yes! A large percent of our students are athletes and participate in school and club sports. We work with the coaches at CRJH to allow students to do both activities. First Year students only have 2 after school practices and two concerts for the year. Our students rarely have conflicts their 1<sup>st</sup> year.

### **When is band class?**

Band is held every day. Students will go to band for a 45 minute class each day of the week!

### **Can I start playing my instrument before school starts?**

No. Learning to play an instrument takes great discipline and patience. Even students who are enrolled in a weekly lesson will not have the daily guidance that it takes to maintain the proper skills. We do not want you to develop bad habits, which are VERY HARD to break. The instruction you get on your interview day is not a replacement for an actual lesson. You will have plenty of time to play soon! Promise!

### **We are excited to start! What do we do now?**

After selecting Band on your course selection sheet, we will contact you about our instrument testing days. Students that select band very rarely get put into a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice elective. The next step would be to sign up for an instrument testing day with the link provided. <http://bit.ly/instrumentCRJH>

If you have any further questions, feel free to call or email us.

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