

# 2021-2022 Music Elective Selection Form

## Grades 5 & 6

Please read ALL of the information below BEFORE making your child's music selection for the coming school year in 2021-2022. After reading all of the information, please fill out this form to indicate your music selection. If you have any questions, please feel free to call and leave a message: 609-466-7604 x3360 or you may write your question on this form at the end, and someone will get back to you.

\* Required

Music Options at LMS - Please read this thoroughly BEFORE completing the form!

### **CHORUS:**

The chorus program in Montgomery is an amazing way to engage in music and have a great time singing! All students are welcome to select chorus as their music option. Every student has a singing voice! The LMS chorus classes also participate in a field trip to NYC to hear some of the world's greatest professional singers! If you do not play an instrument in the band or orchestra, singing is the most accessible way to quickly enjoy making music!

### **BAND:**

Band is where you can play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. If you already learned a band instrument, we strongly recommend you continue with band next year at LMS! All band rehearsals and lessons happen as part of the band class during the school day. As such there are no before-school rehearsals or missed class time for weekly lessons. Please note that students may not switch instruments without the consent of a music teacher. Students who do not play a band instrument but wish to learn may do so as beginners! Available beginning instruments to learn are: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone, or percussion. One of our band teachers will meet with beginning students to help them select which instrument is appropriate for them. Parents of beginning students, please do not invest in an instrument rental or purchase before this happens. While beginning an instrument at LMS is possible, we typically recommend that students who have not played an instrument before choose chorus as this allows them to engage in making music right away.

### **ORCHESTRA:**

Orchestra is where you can continue learning to play a string instrument, including violin, viola, cello, or bass. If you learned a string instrument previously, we strongly recommend you continue with orchestra next year at LMS! All orchestra rehearsals and lessons happen as part of the orchestra class during the school day. As such there are no before-school rehearsals or missed class time for weekly lessons. Please note that students may not switch instruments without the consent of one of the orchestra teachers. Students who do not play a string instrument but wish to learn may do so! Available beginning instruments to learn are: viola, cello, or bass. Violin is not an option for beginning students. Dr. Goldman or Mrs. Kilgore will meet with beginning students to help them select which instrument to play. Parents of beginning students, please do not invest in an instrument rental or purchase before this happens. While beginning an instrument at LMS is possible, we typically recommend that students who have not played an instrument before choose chorus as this allows them to engage in making music right away.

### **MUSIC WORKSHOP:**

Music Workshop is a music appreciation class that covers music reading, music history, and music composition. Students will have the opportunity to learn about and compose original music. In 5th grade, students will learn to play the recorder as well.

Student's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade Level in September 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your child's music selection for the coming year!

**IMPORTANT:** Before making this selection, please read the information above. All music courses occur every other day. Students will participate in a cycle program or physical education on alternating days. Please circle selection:

**BAND**

**ORCHESTRA**

**CHORUS**

**MUSIC WORKSHOP**

If you selected band or orchestra, do you already play a band or orchestra instrument or will you be a beginner? (Do not complete this question if selecting chorus or music workshop).

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I already play a band/orchestra instrument

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I have not learned a band or orchestra instrument and will be a beginner

For students who will be beginners in band or orchestra, please note:

As a beginner, please understand you will be given a chance to try out a selection of orchestra or band instruments with the help of our music teachers. Your choice of instrument will be based on the band/orchestra teachers' recommendation and instrument availability. Once your child has met with a teacher to determine which instrument they will play, we place them in the appropriate band or orchestra class. Please do not invest in an instrument rental or purchase until we communicate with you regarding which instrument will be played. Also, while beginning an instrument is allowed, our recommendation for students who wish to be in a performing ensemble and do not play a band/orchestra instrument is to join the chorus as this will allow them to engage in music making immediately.

If you selected band or orchestra and already play an instrument, which band or orchestra instrument did you learn previously? Please remember you may not select a new instrument without consulting with one of our music teachers. Please circle instrument (s) previously learned:

Baritone/Euphonium

Cello

Bass

Bass Clarinet

Clarinet

Flute

French Horn

Oboe

Percussion

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Trombone

Trumpet

Tuba

Viola

Violin

Do you have any questions? Is there something you or your child would like to share about yourselves?

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