**Navarro Middle School Beginning Band 2017-2018**

**(Current 5th graders)**

**Upcoming dates:**

**Thursday, May 11** Instrument selection from5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Navarro Band Hall

* Students who have not yet had the opportunity to select an instrument need to come and meet with the directors. Students who tried to attend earlier but had to leave due to long waits will receive a “fast pass” and will be allowed to go to the front of the line when they arrive.
* No instruments have been officially closed, but we may not be able to give everyone their first choice. Make sure you are also happy with your second choice.
* Students who do not attend a selection night will be assigned a class period and will play the instrument that meets during their assigned class period.

**Thursday, May 11** Music Company Instrument Fair 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Navarro Cafeteria.

* Families can make arrangements for instrument rental/purchase. Families can also make arrangements for needed supplies for band class (such as band book).
* Used instruments save money and are just as good as new ones. By setting up a rental contract with a company now, you can reserve a used instrument. If you wait until August, used instruments might not be available.
* The personal attention of a local music store is very helpful during the school year. You are welcome to use the music company of your choice. We recommend that you **DO NOT** purchase a musical instrument online. Many times, these are not quality instruments. They frequently break and are unable to be repaired or end up costing more money to repair than what they are worth. They are often difficult to play, which causes frustration for the student.

**Sometime in April,** you will receive a letter through your elementary music teacher that will let you know if you received your first or second choice for your instrument. Along with this letter, you will receive a paper with all the information you need about everything needed for your instrument. (Students who attend instrument selection on May 11, will receive information the same night.)

**Contact Info for Mrs. Miller**

**Best →**Remind: text @bandmiller to 81010

**Good →**Email: cmiller03@lcisd.org

**OK →** Phone:832-223-3720

Kindly include student name in your communication.