

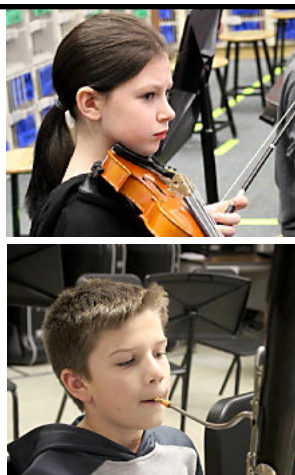
If You Can't Make Music, Then Make Noise!

"The key to success in fine arts is to keep pushing forward and to not give up," says Bennet Powell (8th). "You also have to enjoy the arts (and music) to really master it." To be successful you must remember to have an open mind to allow excellence to manifest based on your thoughts and how you adapt to things that occur in your life. "In class, we have to come prepared and know our music really well so that we can perform well," says Abigail DeLeon (7th), "Whenever we go on stage for a concert or competition, we are prepared both mentally and physically." No matter what someone says, as long as you try you can. You can change your life by changing what defines you, by redefining who you are.



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Bottom to the Top

Starting off as a beginner is an exciting experience. The amount of progress seen in our students over the course of a year is fascinating. They put hard work and dedication into every day, so by the time their first concert comes around they sound like pros.



Emily Halterman (7th), is participating in a warm up game during her Womens Chorale Choir class. Choir uses games to warm-up and practice their voices.

Practice Makes Perfect

Jon Hatch (7th), is a trombone player in the Cockrill Middle School Honors Band. Every day, he tries his best and works hard to become a better player. "Band has made me a better student because I practice a lot and meet new friends that can help me." He shared, "It's also made me have a better attitude towards pushing myself because I'm used to working so hard." Practice is a big part of all of the fine arts, whether it is band, orchestra, or choir. "I think practice makes perfect because it makes me more confident in what I'm about to do," says Grace Anne Monroe (8th). Remi Morris (7th) shared that practicing, "helps you improve definitely because if you practice at least 20 or 30 minutes a day, you can learn a lot more things about your pieces."



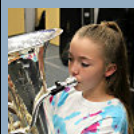
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"Get ready for the work ahead and know that they have to prepare and understand that not everything is going to go their way. Hard work and practice is one of the most important skills you need to have in band and a great attitude." Explained an all district basson player, Niloo Adib (8th).



What advice do you have for incoming fine arts students?

Jordan Bowie (7th) gave some great advice for those sixth grade musicians and incoming students. She said, "Whatever you do, do not procrastinate because you'll get behind on your work and you don't want that to happen."



Lindan Jones (8th) has some advice for those that think they can't sing. He explained, "Don't not join choir because you think your voice doesn't sound good. You're joining choir because you want to get better." With the help from the directors and practice you can improve.



Practicing makes perfect is Isaiah Alvarez (8th) best advice. He proposed, "Get an early start. Find a private lesson teacher and start practicing to get better." The time you spend with a lesson teacher is very valuable to your musical career.

