

Dear Fifth Grader,

I think you should pick orchestra for your elective because it is great. First of all, it is a unique elective. Not every school has orchestra and Faubion is very fortunate to have an orchestra and a very successful one, too. In 2016, the Honors Orchestra went to Chicago because they were so awesome. We also have great teachers, Mrs. Zamora and Mr. Cortez are very skilled and can teach you their skills. During the end of the year and throughout the year you get to go on field trips. Faubion Orchestra also has so many trophies, if you enter the room, you will find only 1<sup>st</sup> Divisions and there are a whole lot of them!

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

Dear Fifth Grader,

I am a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Faubion in orchestra. I play the violin as a beginner in Mrs. Zamora's class. We would like for you to join orchestra with us. It's something challenging but at the same time is really delightful playing the violin (it releases stress). Being in orchestra is one of the best choices I've ever made in my entire life. It really has made me a better person. You're really going to love Mrs. Zamora. I have no words for how thankful I am for her and Mr. Cortez. During class she makes sure we do better and better every time. We are all like a big family and I hope that you join our orchestra family.

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

Dear Fifth Grader,

You should join orchestra because we are like a family here. We don't care if you are not the best—that is why we have great teachers. Our teachers care about you and they will not give up on you. When you join there is another family waiting for you. We also have a buddy system that can help you with anything you struggle with. When we have a concert, you don't have to be nervous because our teachers will bring out the best in you! We have a lot of instruments to choose from: violin, viola, cello, and bass. Come join the lions!

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

Dear Fifth Grader,

I think you should join orchestra in 6<sup>th</sup> grade because not only do you get to learn an instrument, but you also get to have so much fun. Learning an instrument might be hard at first, but once you get the basics it gets easier. Orchestra has a lot of fun activities too—you should definitely join.

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**My favorite thing about orchestra is the music and my instrument. Another cool thing is called string sisters which is a lot of fun. The best thing is you get to learn a really cool instrument and once you learn it, you can do something that many cannot do, so I think you should join orchestra.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist**

Dear Fifth grader,

Wondering what you're going to choose for your elective? Isn't the answer clear? Choose orchestra because it is the best. You can easily impress others with your instrument because we are the best. You can perform in challenging concerts and enjoy lots of FUN socials and parties. Choose orchestra!

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

Dear Fifth grader,

I'm in orchestra and hopefully you all can be in it too. Orchestra is one of my favorite classes and it is really fun too. I remember when I first joined I did not know anything but now I know how to play the violin. You should join in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The teachers are nice and everything, so sign up for orchestra.

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> grader,

Hello! I'm going to tell you why you should join orchestra. First, you don't do a lot of work like in your other classes—most of the work you have is just practicing. We don't play much classical music if you're not into that—we also play popular songs. When you're in orchestra we have a lot of fun after school things like Bow Brothers and String Sisters where we get to watch movies, play video games, paint, make gingerbread houses, play games and eat and hang out. You can also make new friends like I did. We also go on fun field trips. The main reason you should join is because you get to learn a new skill that most people don't know!

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist



Dear Fifth grader,

I think that you should join orchestra next year because you will have a talent that many other people do not have. There are many other things that are super fun about orchestra like Bow Brothers and String Sisters. In my opinion, the best part of orchestra is getting to play an instrument in school. I also really loved our fundraiser—I sold 20 items so I got to go to a party and pie Mrs. Zamora in the face. You should join orchestra!

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist

Dear Fifth graders,

I highly recommend that you join orchestra. It is one of the most fun and exciting classes. Colleges adore those who play in orchestra as well. Once you join, you'll never look back. Mrs. Zamora's orchestra is a fast and award winning orchestra and has been for years. We have many trips and concerts—places like Pinstack, Six Flags, and Hurricane Harbor. Join orchestra, you will never regret it.

--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violist

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**Soon you will be going to sixth grade and you need to pick an elective. I think you should pick orchestra. In class we first learn how to read notes and play plucking the strings (called pizzicato). As time goes by you use your bow, go to concerts, and many other events. Orchestra is really fun and entertaining. You get to learn how to play an instrument. You can choose what your instrument is. I guarantee you will love orchestra so next year, pick it. I'm a beginner and I really love orchestra.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violist**

**Dear Fifth grader,**

**Music is a beauty to be cherished and orchestra can help discover the music within you. Orchestra gives you the opportunity to be free and learn what music is. It can shape your future as well as the present. Playing a stringed instrument gives you responsibility which is very helpful for your future job. Your instrument can give you healthy life if you respect it and use it correctly. Orchestra doesn't just give you life lessons, you also have fun in this class. We have parties, fun with friends, and special rewards. Most kids think of classical music when hearing about orchestra, but we also play pop music and have a rock orchestra. Overall, orchestra has something for everyone.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist**

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**I think you should join orchestra because it is very fun. You can also go on fun field trips to multiple fun places. The teachers are also going to be helping you out. I personally love orchestra because the people are all so nice. If you mess up, they won't judge you or make fun of you. If you don't think you can join because you think it is too expensive, don't worry, the teachers will help work things out for you to find an instrument. I really hope you consider joining orchestra.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist**

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**You should join orchestra! It's an amazing elective. You have fun on your instrument every day in class. You learn new songs a lot! You can also make a lot of new friends in orchestra. Mrs. Zamora and Mr. Cortez are really fun. It's a great new thing to try. Join orchestra!**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violist**

**Dear Fifth grader,**

**You should join orchestra because it's super awesome. You get to learn things I never thought I would ever learn. I like it because it feels like your own family. You get to meet new people. The teachers in orchestra are so sweet. They push you every day so you can get better. You also get to go on field trips and it's super fun.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violist**

**Dear Fifth grader,**

**I would like you to join orchestra because we do lots of fun things and play many instruments. Some of the places you will go are Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, Pinstack, and more. The instruments in orchestra are violin, viola, cello, and bass. If you do well in orchestra you get prizes and go to competitions such as the solo ensemble contest. If you do well at it you earn a medal. We also perform at concerts. You should totally join orchestra.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist**



**Dear Fifth graders,**

**As a sixth grader, I can tell you that choosing an elective was hard for me coming to Faubion. I chose orchestra because having a musical talent is a useful skill in life. I also chose it because my cousin plays the violin as well and she got to go on several trips once she got to a higher level. Throughout the year you get parties, challenges, and rewards as well as learning your favorite songs. I'm glad I joined orchestra because now I can play songs on an instrument. Join orchestra.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist**

**Dear Fifth grader,**

**Orchestra is one of the best electives in my opinion. Not only do you learn how to play an instrument, you also learn to play cool songs. Orchestra teaches you how to read notes and play the instrument so you don't have to worry about already knowing how to play.**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violinist**

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**We would love it if you would join orchestra next year.**

**Orchestra gives you an opportunity to shine and reach your full potential. We are not just a class, we are a family who all support each other. The orchestra teachers are so passionate about helping everyone become a shining star and they push you to be your best. Don't worry if you can't read notes or play music because the teachers walk you through all of it. Being able to learn an instrument and be a part of the orchestra is an amazing experience. Orchestra is full of memorable times and unforgettable memories. It is definitely something you should do next year!**

**--a 6<sup>th</sup> grade violist**

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**There are many reasons to consider joining our Faubion Orchestra. For starters, you get the opportunity of working and learning from two amazing directors and grasp the concept of mastering a new skill of an instrument. Many people may be in your class so you have the chance to make bonds in orchestra that may become your closest bonds.**

**Orchestra is a loving, fun environment and although it may become difficult to fully understand new things, it's exciting when you start to master the skills. It's great to think of all the things you can learn to play.**

**I recommend giving orchestra a chance and trying out new instruments and learning from our two caring and uplifting directors.**

**Sincerely,**

**An 8<sup>th</sup> grade bassist**

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**I hope you choose to do orchestra next year. It is truly the best. I love orchestra because we are always learning something new. We learn new things every week. One of my other favorite parts of orchestra is the teachers. They are so amazing and very passionate about orchestra. We also go on many field trips—Six Flags, Dallas Symphony, Pinstack and more. Another cool thing about orchestra is you can come early before school and practice instead of sitting in the hallway. You can also stay after an practice. I hope to see you in orchestra next year!**

**--6<sup>th</sup> grade cellist**

**Dear Fifth Grader,**

**I really hope you choose orchestra. It rocks! We get to do tons of fun things like Pinstack, Six Flags and more social events. Learning the instrument can be hard, but it is totally worth it when you have mastered the skills. You can play for your family friends and in front of others at concerts. Orchestra is a really fun thing to be in and I hope you will be able to have all of the fun I'm having in orchestra too.**

**--6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cellist**

