



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Fulton County School System – Northwestern Middle School

Dear Parents,

In connection with the standards for **Orchestra and Chorus**, our classes will take a field trip to a special performance by the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, located at the Woodruff Arts Center, Symphony Hall, 1280 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, on **Friday, October 21, 2016**. The performance is called **Nature's Symphony**. "Pairing images with music, students will be in awe at how the power of nature including weather, waves and various phenomena on Planet Earth have inspired famous works, including Rossini's Thunderstorm from his William Tell Overture, and ending with an out-of-this-world trip with John Williams' Main Theme from Star Wars."

During the trip, we can be reached at the following *emergency only* phone number: (678) 467-5136. The trip is being sponsored by Evelyn Champion-Orchestra Director and Suzanne Grant-Choral Director. Students will go to first period and leave class at 9:30 am and report to the cafeteria. We will return by **3:30pm**. We will be traveling by motor coach and will have 15 adult chaperones, including parents and teachers. The expected ratio is 11 students for every adult.

The cost to attend this trip is **\$30**, which includes your ticket and travel by chartered bus. We would like every student to be able to participate regardless of ability to pay. If you need assistance paying for this trip, please email Mrs. Champion or Ms. Grant ASAP to discuss arrangements for your child. Please complete the permission slip and return it with your payment as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, September 30**. Late payments and forms will not be accepted as we have a deadline with the Atlanta Symphony and the charter bus company. This trip is first come, first served. When the buses are full, we will not accept any more payments. The field trip fee is non-refundable. **Checks** must be made out to NMS or Northwestern Middle School (not chorus, orchestra, or director). Due to the time consuming nature of collecting money, we will only accept field trip money **BEFORE** school. You may combine student and chaperone payments but **ONLY** for the field trip, not uniforms or other fees.

The cost for **chaperones** to attend is also \$30. Chaperones are also first come, first served. Chaperones will be assigned and responsible for a group of 10-12 students throughout the day and must ride the bus to and from the field trip. There is a chaperone meeting at 9:00 am on the day of the trip in the cafeteria.

Students and chaperones **must dress nicely** for this trip and meet the NMS dress code. NO jeans, shorts, hoodies, or tennis shoes. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, short skirts, etc. Bring a jacket!

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INSTRUCTIONAL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Student Name: _____

Please check the following that apply to you: Please include ALL payments in ONE check but only field trip money in your check, not uniform money or other fees. Checks must be made payable to NMS (not orchestra, chorus, director, etc). We will only accept payments before school.

_____ I give permission for my child to accompany his/her class on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra trip on Friday, October 21 and I have enclosed payment of \$30.

_____ I would like to contribute toward a scholarship fund for students needing financial assistance. I have enclosed an additional donation of \$ _____.

_____ I do not give permission for my child to accompany his/her class on the above trip.

_____ I will be a chaperone for this trip and I have enclosed an additional \$30 for myself. I will attend the chaperone meeting at 9:00 on the day of the trip.

Please print parent chaperone name _____

Parent chaperone cell phone number _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Check # (Form 04-19-92)