



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## Orchestra Notes S2 Q4 Week 3-4

Dear Orchestra Parents,

### **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IS ONE WEEK AWAY**

We are polishing our pieces right now- almost all of the groups are ready to perform on **Saturday, April 29** at Milton. I am available every morning to help groups practice. I am so proud of the effort being made by the students who are participating in this event. Here is a copy of the letter that was given out to students before spring break with the performance times, what to wear, etc.

<http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Solo-and-Ensemble-2017-Performance-Times.pdf>

### **Essential Elements Interactive**

Students are doing an outstanding job of accomplishing playing goals in orchestra using EEi on their tablets! Here is the webpage where the assignments are listed: <http://nmsperforms.org/eei/>. If you would like to hear your young musician's recordings or see their comments and grades in EEi, just let me know and I am happy to help you set up a parent account or send recordings and screenshots.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Seventh Grade violinist **Danielle Najarian** who will be attending Boston University Tanglewood Institute this summer!

Congratulations to **Maddie Anton and Hayden Blanco**, who auditioned into the advanced orchestra at Milton High School for next year!

Congratulations to eighth grade violinist **Joey Lund**- his hockey team won the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP for Tier 2 Nationals AA!

(Feel free to share your child's accomplishments so I can share them with our orchestra friends.)

### **Les Miserables- Johns Creek Chorale**

May 7, 2017 – 3PM

One of our orchestra parents, **Laura Jesseph**, sings in the Johns Creek Chorale! The Johns Creek Chorale pays tribute to the epic musical tale that has been seen by over 70 million people in 42 countries. Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, Les Misérables is an unforgettable story of



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heartbreak, passion, and the resilience of the human spirit, that has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history. Featuring a timeless score and the beloved songs “I Dreamed A Dream,” “On My Own,” “Bring Him Home,” and “One Day More.” Please visit this page for ticket information:

<http://www.thejohnscreekchorale.com/performances/>

### **First NMS Disney Trip is a SUCCESS- becomes a tradition!**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra and chorus Disney trip was a resounding success and will become a NMS tradition! Next year’s dates will be announced as soon as possible and current seventh graders are encouraged to start saving up for the cost of the trip! Seventh Grade is going to start playing Disney music for fun after the spring concert.

### **Atlanta Opera Field Trip**

The Atlanta Opera Field was a lot of fun! MANY thanks to all of our wonderful chaperones. Each year the Opera will present a different production, so we will definitely go again next year to get a good feel for Opera in general. It is an acquired taste, so to speak. ☺

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Our spring concert and awards ceremony is Thursday, May 18 at 7pm in the gym. I need a volunteer to pick up our Rhodes Bakery treats, and set them up and monitor them right after the concert. Please email me if you can help.

### **Future Concert Dates**

The concert dates are listed in the orchestra handbook and on this page:

<http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Calendar-2016-2017.pdf>

### **It is time to start thinking about SUMMER CAMPS!**

There are several great orchestra camps in Georgia. Here are three links to overnight camps:

[ASTA Orchestra Camp](#)

[Encore Orchestra Camp](#)

[UGA Orchestra Camp](#)

[Athena Music and Leadership Camp \(girls only\)](#)

There are also quite a few other day camps, such as [KSU Intensive](#) and [UpBeat](#).

A summer camp is a great way to keep your child motivated and playing in the summer!

Please contact me at any time with questions. I truly appreciate your support!

♪ Mrs. Champion