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Orchestra Notes S2 Week 11-12

Grades

All grades are 100% updated at this time.

ALL ORCHESTRA STUDENTS HAVE SMARTMUSIC TO COMPLETE BEFORE SPRING BREAK!!

Please log into the [Home Access Center](#) and check your child's grades in Orchestra. The third 9 weeks' grade will be finalized this week; however, orchestra is a semester grade, so the grade is cumulative until the end of the school year. If you see NHI in the gradebook, that stands for "Not Handed In" and counts as a zero until the work is submitted and I can get it graded and put in the gradebook.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to all of the Northwestern Orchestra students that participated in the District 5 Honor Clinic Orchestra today!!!

SAVE THE DATE

We will have a PRE-Solo and Ensemble Concert called "Strings in the Garden" with Dr. Bartlett and the Environmental Club on Thursday evening, April 26. This will be an optional informal concert- more details to follow.

SOLO and ENSEMBLE is April 28 at Milton HS

FREE LESSONS

Tri-M Music Honor Society students at Milton are offering free private lessons for Northwestern Orchestra students. Email Trimilton@gmail.com for more details.



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WHY NO NAILS?

Long fingernails and stringed instruments just don't mix. Playing skills are effected negatively because *the nails get in the way*. You cannot feel the fingerboard, you cannot put your fingers close enough together to play in tune, and the nails damage your strings. You also cannot hold the bow correctly. Technique and facility are impaired. Please, no long nails!

Incorrect

Correct

Correct



Milton High School Orchestra

Students who would like to audition for upper orchestra level need to submit an audition video. The requirements are in the website student link. <http://www.miltonorchestra.org/handbook.html>

Students who do not wish to audition will automatically be placed in the intermediate orchestra.

Audition requirements for advanced orchestra:

[Violin Audition Requirements](#)

[Viola Audition Requirements](#)

[Cello Audition Requirements](#)

[Bass Audition Requirements](#)

Upcoming events!

Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation- April 28

Spring Concert and Awards- May 17



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It's 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 do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have questions! champione@fultonschools.org

