



**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes S2 Week 13-14**

### **Grades**

*All grades are 100% updated at this time. Please check Home Access before it is closed for progress reports. If you need a current orchestra progress report, please email me.*

**THE LAST DAY FOR THEORY BOOK RECOVERY IS FRIDAY MAY 4**

### **ALL EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS**

Please take a moment to fill out this form for Mr. Rodriguez. <https://goo.gl/bZyjZ5>

### **CONGRATS**

Congratulations to all of the Northwestern Eighth Grade Orchestra members who auditioned into the Milton Advanced and Mastery Orchestras! (It is not too late to audition- just contact Mr. Rodriguez. Students who do not wish to audition will be placed in the intermediate orchestra.)

Harshita Challa, violin

Sarah DeVoe, bass

Henry Leeman, violin

Danielle Najarian, violin

Dennis Smallwood, bass

Evan Smallwood, bass

Esha Sringeri, viola

### **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**



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## **FREE LESSONS**

Tri-M Music Honor Society students at Milton are offering free private lessons for Northwestern Orchestra students. Email [TriMmilton@gmail.com](mailto:TriMmilton@gmail.com) for more details.

## **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**

## **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](mailto:champione@fultonschools.org)