



**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes S2 Week 9-10** **Grades**

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. *Please don't worry if your child's grade is low right now, we will work diligently until the end of the year to get it pulled up.*

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.

The only way to effectively assess each musicians' playing skills is through individual assessment. With a large number of students, the only way to efficiently assess individuals is online. All Orchestra students will be graded on benchmark assignments using SmartMusic.

Students should work on ToneSavvy.com (teacher code 153) at home, as well as SmartMusic at home. All students should be on #50 for this grade report.

The All for Strings Theory Book is done weekly in class and should be corrected until each page earns 100%.

You should hear you child diligently practicing for our spring concert on May 17!

If you have any questions about your child's grade, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **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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## **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](#)

## **FREE LESSONS**

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



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## **Upcoming events!**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Disney Performance Trip- March 7-11**

**Honor Clinic/ Honor Orchestra- March 24**

**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! [champion@fultonschools.org](mailto:champion@fultonschools.org)

