



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 1

Good afternoon orchestra parents,

This is Mrs. Champion and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year for Orchestra!

Each week I will send out "notes" on orchestra activities. Please take a moment to look at everything. Not every item will apply to every musician, so please feel free to ask if you aren't sure. I will include the links to the handouts on the orchestra website:

<http://nmsperforms.org/orchestrahandouts/> . Students will also receive the information in print. I also post these notes on this page:

<http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-notes/>

SUPPLIES/INSTRUMENTS

Sixth graders recently received a [supply list](#) and flyers from our local music stores. Also, there is a school instrument rental form posted on the handouts page. Please email me if you have any questions about securing an instrument for your child. All violinists and violists should have an instrument by Monday. Cellist and bassists should NOT rent until my class rosters are finalized and I can determine how many school instruments I have available.

If you have a school owned rental from last year and plan to keep it, please make payment this weekend through OSP. Otherwise I need the instrument back Monday for other students.

PAYMENTS- PLEASE USE OSP

Please make all payments for orchestra through **OSP**. The directions for making online payments for orchestra are posted here: <http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Online-School-Payments.pdf> Be SURE you pay for the correct item- there are no refunds available for incorrect OSP payments.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

There are several events coming up quickly that you need to be aware of

1. **Our Fall Orchestra Concert** is Tuesday, October 17 in the gym.
2. [Fulton County Honor Orchestra Auditions](#)- Friday, August 22, 2017
3. **GMEA All State Orchestra**
 - a. All State Audition Information- coming Tuesday- payment deadline September 1 on OSP- etudes are posted on <https://www.gmea.org/aso-information>
 - b. [All State preparation Workshop at Clayton State University](#) -September 23, 2017
4. **Kennesaw State University Workshops**- Dates Coming Soon
 - a. KSU Violin Day
 - b. KSU Viola Day
 - c. KSU Cellobration
 - d. KSU Bass Fest

HANDBOOK

The orchestra handbook is updated on our website, and the sign off link is at the bottom of the page: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-handbook/>

MUSICON FUNDRAISER

We are kicking off our annual music department fundraiser soon! The music teachers ask that each family contribute their fair share so we can continue to give your children an outstanding experience in music class. As you know, it costs a lot to run the large

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music programs we have at NMS and we rely predominately on donations from *this fundraiser* to support those needs. This is the only fundraiser we will do all year, and it doesn't involve any *selling!*

Your donations are used to pay for sheet music, sound equipment, new instruments, instrument repair, clinicians, accompanists, staff development for directors, buses for performance field trips, awards, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. I need funds to order music and other supplies this Fall! If you are so inclined, please go ahead and make your **MUSICON** fundraiser donation to Orchestra through OSP.

MRS. CHAMPION'S WISHLIST FOR FALL 2017

Swiffer Dusters, a Swiffer Wet Mop and Wet Mopping Refills



Bass Stool Cushioned Covers- dark color please- need 6. Example on Amazon.com: <http://a.co/i8lsiQo>

Small manual vacuum cleaner- any brand.



Thank you,

Mrs. Champion

