



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## Orchestra Notes Week 2

Good afternoon orchestra parents,

We have had a great week in orchestra, although things are a little bit hectic. As we settle into a routine, here are a couple of reminders:

1. Students **MUST** take instruments home twice a week and on weekends to practice. You should hear your child play some new tunes for you! Please, no abandoned instruments 😊
2. Students need to be responsible for their equipment in the orchestra room. This includes getting set up to play with all materials in a timely manner, and putting everything away at the end of class.

Remember [ALL STATE ORCHESTRA](#) auditions are coming up. Students should be preparing NOW (minimum one year of experience to audition). Did you know that there are TWO middle school All State Orchestras? There are quite a few students at Northwestern with the potential to participate in this very prestigious event, so please look at the dates and consider this opportunity carefully. Any student who auditions will get **Pizza with the Principal**- a special pizza party for parents and students in the Wildcat Den during the school day!!

Remember, we have **Talent Tuesdays** before school each week, where students can get individual help on audition music or solos they are learning. This is a good time to improve technique with a little help from Mrs. Champion.

Today we had **Fiddle Fun Friday** before school! We played SpiderMan, Harry Potter, E.T., and HAPPY! We will continue this event each week where we play all fun/easy pops music, movie music etc. This is for all levels, just for fun, and starts at 8:00 when the building opens. **Many thanks to the Thuppel family for the yummy Krispy Creme doughnuts this morning!**

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

1. The **STRINGS IN THE GARDEN** concert will be **September 13**. This is not a mandatory performance, but students are invited to perform in small ensembles. I will begin working on this in class next week.



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2. **SAVE THE DATE** for our Fall fundraiser- our ROCKATHON will be **Friday, October 14.**
3. **Our Fall Orchestra Concert is Tuesday, October 18 in the gym.**
4. **Fulton County Honor Orchestra Auditions**- deadline Friday, August 19, 2016 at 4PM
5. **GMEA All State Orchestra**
  - a. **All State Audition Information**- payment deadline 9/2/2016
  - b. **All State Workshop at Clayton State University** -September 17, 2016
6. **Kennesaw State University Workshops**
  - a. **KSU Violin Day** September 17, 2016
  - b. **KSU Viola Day** October 8, 2016
  - c. **KSU Cellobration** October 22, 2016
  - d. **KSU Bass Fest** October 22, 2016

The **syllabus** is now posted on the website on the handouts and forms page: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra/orchestra-forms/>. **The handbook is updated for 2016-2017 as well.** Rather than take up a paper from every student, please take a few seconds to sign in when you reach the bottom of the handbook. This way I am sure that you are all receiving the email communication, the syllabus, and handbook information.

Please contact me at any time with questions.

At the end of this e-mail, you will find the current orchestra “wishlist.” If you would like to donate any of these items, it would be most appreciated!

Thank you,

Evelyn Champion



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## NMS Orchestra Wishlist

### Facial Tissue

We go through a lot of tissue in the orchestra room! Please send a box or two.



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### AntiBacterial Wipes

We use these to clean the instruments, chairs, and



stands.

### Paper towels

For cleaning in the orchestra room.



### iTunes giftcards

Mrs. Champion brings an extensive recorded music library collection to NMS, however it is convenient to be able to purchase music for instruction or when students suggest a piece using an iTunes card. Any music that is purchase for NMS will be part of its permanent collection.





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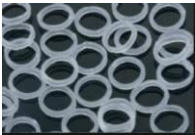
## **Printer Cartridges**

For the orchestra classroom printer. HP 21 and 22.



## **Rubber Bands for braces**

Please send a few packages of these:



## **Curling Ribbon**- blue and silver



## **2" Foam Padding**- 1 sheet

Available at craft stores





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## **Bass Stools**

No one should have to stand through an entire orchestra class! Our bass players need sturdy stools. These wooden counter stools/barstools are available at Target and Walmart. We need four 24" inch stools and four 29" or 30" stools.

Target: Wood Backless Barstool Set Hardwood/Natural, 24" counterstool, 29" barstool

Walmart: Beech Wood Bar Stools 30", Natural



## **Bass Stool Cushioned Covers**

To cover the hard seats of our new bass stools!  
Available on Ebay - Navy Blue bar stool cushioned cover  
\$12.50 each- need 8



## **Industrial Strength Velcro**

Available at Home Depot and Lowes. We use this to hang/attach all kinds of things in the orchestra room.

