



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes Week 2**

Good afternoon orchestra parents,

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 the weekly notes on the website-if you missed week 1 please take a look here <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-notes/>

### **SUPPLIES/INSTRUMENTS**

I am pleased to report that ALL students now have an instrument in class! I will begin renting cellos and basses for home next week. Please do not make payment until I let you know if I have an instrument available. I will not have enough  $\frac{3}{4}$  cellos, so I will rent those based on need.

I was also able to order some books and music this week, thanks to your MUSICON donations! Now our biggest need are the bass stool cushions. Poor kids have hurting bums by the time they finish playing their big instruments- if you could donate that’d be great! Amazon.com: <http://a.co/i8lsiQo>

### **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.

If you must send a check (that’s ok for large amounts) I can only take checks before school, made out to Northwestern MS (NOT orchestra).

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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](#)- August 22, 2017
3. **GMEA All State Orchestra**
  - a. All State Audition Information- payment deadline September 1 on OSP- Handout is here: <http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/All-State-Orchestra-Information-2017-2018.pdf>
  - b. Etudes are posted on <https://www.gmea.org/aso-information>
  - c. [All State preparation Workshop at Clayton State University](#) -September 23, 2017
4. **Kennesaw State University Workshops**- Date Coming Soon!

## HONOR ORCHESTRA

GMEA District 12 will now offer an honor orchestra! Please look at the All State/Honor Orchestra handout for more information: <http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/All-State-Orchestra-Information-2017-2018.pdf>

## 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/>

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## 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 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. ***Please give as many multiples of the \$25 as you are able!***

## 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**

