



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 3

Good afternoon orchestra parents,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are in week 3! Thank you for taking just a moment to read through these weekly notes. If you miss anything from weeks past, the notes are posted on the orchestra website: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestranotes/> Additionally, any handouts I give to students are always posted on this page: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestrahandouts/>

CELLOS/BASSES

Due to my high number of sixth graders playing cello (YAY!) I only have three $\frac{3}{4}$ sized cellos left to loan out for the school year. Cellists could plan on taking a school cello home on Friday and returning it on Monday morning, or renting one from a local music store. I have quite a few available basses and will send out information tomorrow.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

I hope to see you all at curriculum night tomorrow night- be sure to pop into the orchestra room to see how great it looks! The building will be open from 5:30 to 8- be sure to start with your first period class.

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 Middle School (NOT orchestra).

UNIFORM POLO SHIRT

The Orchestra Uniform Polo Shirt purchase deadline is September 1. Please see the uniform handout here: <http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Orchestra-Uniform-2017-2.pdf> . Returning students do NOT need to buy a new shirt. All sixth graders and students new to NMS need a shirt. If your shirt was lost, ruined, or you've outgrown it, please order a new one.

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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. **GMEA All State Orchestra and Honor Orchestra auditions**
 - 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

HONOR ORCHESTRA

GMEA District 5 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>. The deadline to sign up is September 1st.

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

The MUSICON letter went out this week and is posted here: <http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/MUSICON-2017.pdf> Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MRS. CHAMPION'S WISHLIST FOR FALL 2017

Swiffer Dusters, a Swiffer Wet Mop and Wet Mopping Refills <http://a.co/ejTepNx> and <http://a.co/bSv5l2M>

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

Small manual vacuum cleaner- any brand: <http://a.co/aZ0uzrv> or <http://a.co/5MJ4JOS>

CONGRATS/GOOD LUCK

Congratulations to Dennis, Evan, and Hannah Smallwood for being selected to the Emory Junior Chamber Orchestra. Good luck to Anna Stubbs at her Fulton County Youth Orchestra audition this evening!

Thank you, Mrs. Champion