



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes Week 4**

Good afternoon orchestra parents,

Welcome to week 4! I hope you are all looking forward to a long weekend. Please make sure that all instruments go home this weekend for practicing. Since we have Theory Thursday this week, you should see the instrument home on Wednesday night. We are playing some wonderfully challenging and fun music, and all students have practice copies to use at home.

### **OSP PAYMENTS**

THANK YOU for making 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 cash or checks before school, made out to Northwestern Middle School (NOT orchestra). I will not take cash or checks during class.

### **UNIFORM POLO SHIRT**

The Orchestra Uniform Polo Shirt purchase deadline is September 1- that is THIS Friday! 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. You do not need to tell me your size- I will size students in class when I receive some smaller sized shirts.

**FRIDAY IS ALSO THE LAST DAY TO PAY FOR ALL STATE/HONOR ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS- EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR STUDENTS**

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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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. The deadline and super fun night are September 22!

## 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>

**Thank you,**

**Mrs. Champion**