



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## Orchestra Notes Week 4

Good afternoon orchestra parents,

I am sending the notes out early this week due to the holiday weekend. Have a GREAT day off on Friday and Monday!

We currently have a contest going to see which grade level can complete the <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-handbook/> **Orchestra Handbook** acknowledgement form FIRST! Right now, 7<sup>th</sup> grade is in first place with 67% completed, 8<sup>th</sup> grade is in second place with 53% completed, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade has only 45% completed. Parents, please visit the NMS Orchestra website and complete the handbook form (found at the end of the handbook- says "Receipt of Handbook Form for Parents Please Click Here"). The winning grade level- first to 100%- gets cookies!

Please click this link for **All State Audition Information**- payment deadline **CHANGED TO 9/1/2016 since there is no school on 9/2**. Contact me immediately if your child would like to audition and you have not yet paid the audition fee.

Past weekly notes are posted on this page: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-notes/>

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Have you heard your child **PRACTICING**? 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 ☺

The uniform information is now posted. Please visit this **UNIFORM** link for details! All sixth graders need the orchestra polo. There is no form to send in, just the payment with the shirt size written on the check.

Our first field trip is APPROVED! We will travel to see the [Atlanta Symphony on October 21<sup>st</sup>](#). Please see the [field trip letter here \(students were given a hard copy\)](#).

THANK YOU for your generous donations of supplies for the orchestra room!

- ♪ **STRINGS IN THE GARDEN** concert will be **September 13** at 7pm. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to perform in small ensembles.
- ♪ **ROCKATHON** will be **Friday, October 14**.
- ♪ **Fall Orchestra Concert** is **Tuesday, October 18** in the gym.
- ♪ **Atlanta Symphony Field Trip** is **October 21**.
- ♪ **Kennesaw State University Workshops- sign up at this link:**  
<http://arts.kennesaw.edu/music/concerts-and-events/festivals-workshops.php>
  - a. Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Violin Day](#) September 17, 2016
  - b. Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Viola Day](#) October 8, 2016
  - c. Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Cellobration](#) October 22, 2016
  - d. Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Bass Fest](#) October 22, 2016

Please contact me at any time with questions. Thank you,

Mrs. Evelyn Champion