



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 14

Good afternoon Orchestra parents,

We are already working on our Winter Concert and Performance Evaluation music. Eighth grade is also learning Disney Music. Students should be practicing regularly and turning in their assignments on EssentialElementsInteractive.com. Please see this handout for more information: [EEi Handout](#)

CONCERT DATES

The concert dates are listed in the orchestra handbook and on this page:

<http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Calendar-2016-2017.pdf>

8th grade is December 6 (with band and chorus) and 6th and 7th grades are December 15.

NO THEORY THURSDAY THIS WEEK

PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL WILL BE NOVEMBER 17 at 11am

We will honor all of the students that auditioned for All State with a pizza party on November 17. Please RSVP to Mrs. Champion very soon if you plan to attend with your son or daughter.

PLEASE HELP WITH RECRUITING FOR ORCHESTRA IN THE COMMUNITY

Through heavy recruiting efforts at the beginning of the school year, I was able to increase the sixth grade orchestra from 30 students to 50 students. My goal next year is to have 100 sixth graders, 50 in each class. Orchestra is for everyone, so the bigger the better! Parents, you could help with this by talking to your friends and neighbors in the community. Here are a few points you could make:

- Orchestra teaches discipline, responsibility, commitment, perseverance, teamwork and more!
 - Is a class that meets every day, minimal outside of school commitment required
 - Amazing performance and field trip opportunities
 - Low cost compared to many extracurriculars
 - Develops higher order thinking skills, creativity, musicality
 - Is FUN!

SEVENTH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CRABAPPLE CROSSING

The seventh grade orchestra class will be performing at Crabapple Crossing on December 7th. The goal of this trip is recruiting more fifth graders to join orchestra next year. A GREEN permission slip with



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all of the details went home this week. Please send it back as soon as possible. This trip will be paid for with MUSICON funds donated by 7th grade families. It is not too late to donate to MUSICON!

MARK WOOD CONCERT

On Thursday December 1st, Eighth Grade and selected Seventh Grade students will perform a concert with [Mark Wood](#) at Cambridge High School. Tickets are available at <http://www.cambridgeorchestra.ludustickets.com>. Come out and support NMS and Cambridge Orchestras!

PHOTOS FROM THE CONCERT

Composite photos went home today. This is the FINAL week to order photos online.....remember they make great holiday gifts! They have mugs, stickers, pens, etc on their website, Visit pdiporraits.com and click on "MUSIC PKGS" or "MUSIC GIFTS." The candid photos of the concert will be available soon!

Did you miss any of the notes from past weeks?? If so, here is the link: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-notes/>

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