



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 17

Good afternoon Orchestra parents,

So many fun and exciting things have happened since last week's notes! The Mark Wood Concert at Cambridge was amazing. The Eighth Grade Band/Orchestra/Chorus concert on Monday night went really well- thank you all for coming! Tuesday morning, we performed the concert again 3 times for the entire school! Wednesday the 7th grade enjoyed our field trip performance at Crabapple Crossing. I am hoping that elementary school outreach will help build orchestra numbers for next year!

6th and 7th grade perform NEXT week at 7pm in the NMS gym. That is **Thursday, December 15th.** Students may wear holiday attire (Santa hat, reindeer ears, etc) with their orchestra uniform. If you would like to help with our reception, please let me know. I need a volunteer to stop by Rhodes Bakery on Holcomb Bridge on your way home to pick up our treats.

FUTURE CONCERT DATES

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

<http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Calendar-2016-2017.pdf>

INSTRUMENTS- SECOND SEMESTER

Before you rent a school instrument second semester, please consider investing in your child's musicianship by renting an instrument at a local string specialty shop. The sound quality, playability, and enjoyment will be far superior to the rather shabby school-owned instruments. If you only paid for half of the year, you will need to pay the remaining balance in early January.

GRADES

Please visit Home Access Center to check on your child's orchestra grade. As our playing skills develop, we are moving on to harder music and more advanced techniques. All students should be spending a few minutes several nights a week practicing. Playing tests can be taken at home on EEi or before school in the orchestra room.

Congratulations to Shreeya Thuppel who was selected for the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra!



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

FCYO

The [Fulton County Youth Orchestra](#) is holding auditions on January 10th at Alpharetta High School for new members second semester! If you auditioned in the Fall and weren't ready, or missed the announcement the first time, January would be a GREAT time to start! Visit their website for more information.

Please contact me at any time with questions.

Thank you,

Mrs. Evelyn Champion