



# ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

## Orchestra Notes Week 18

Good afternoon Orchestra parents,

Congratulations to the sixth and seventh grade orchestras on a great concert performance last night! And a HUGE thank you to **RHODES BAKERY** 880 Holcomb Bridge Rd # 120B, Roswell, GA 30076 for the holiday treats.



### FCYO

The Fulton County Youth Orchestra is holding auditions on January 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## **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.

## **BEST WISHES**

Best wishes to our five students who are auditioning for All State Orchestra on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Henry Leeman, violin, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Danielle Najarian, violin, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Dennis Smallwood, bass, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Evan Smallwood, bass, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Anna Stubbs, violin, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**



Please contact me at any time with questions. Have a wonderful holiday break!  
Thank you,

Mrs. Evelyn Champion