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Dear Music Parents,

We are kicking off our annual MUSICON music department fundraiser today! We ask that each family contribute their fair share so we can continue to give your children an outstanding experience in their music class. As you know, it costs a lot to run the large music programs we have at NMS and we rely predominately on donations from *this fundraiser* to support those needs. This is the only fundraiser we will do all year, and it doesn't involve any *selling*!

Your donations are used to pay for sheet music, sound equipment, new instruments, instrument repair, clinicians, accompanists, staff development for directors, buses for performance field trips, awards, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. Here of our major needs this year and the per student cost:

- ♪ Each piece of music we play is approximately \$50. In a class of 30 students, that is almost \$2 a student per piece x four concerts x three pieces per concert = **\$24** per student per year
- ♪ SmartMusic (instead of Essential Elements Interactive)- **\$10** per student
- ♪ Miscellaneous supplies- Rosin, rockstops, strings, tuners, tuner mics, batteries, quivers- \$300 per year- **\$2.25** per student
- ♪ Performance evaluation fees and transportation- approximately **\$15** per student
- ♪ Percussionist for concerts \$800 per year- **\$6** per student
- ♪ Awards spring concert \$250- **\$2** per student
- ♪ Bakery Treats for concert receptions \$600 per year- **\$4.50** per student
- ♪ All for Strings workbook **\$5.00** per student
- ♪ Set of portable music stands for field trip performances- \$500- **\$3.75** per student
- ♪ MUSICON celebration night- **\$5** per student

That's over **\$75 per student** in expenses that can only be paid from your donations!

Students will collect funds starting today through Friday, September 22. On Friday night, September 22, we will host **MUSICON** to culminate the efforts of our awesome young musicians and reward them for their hard work raising funds for their discipline.

How it works: Students (with the help of their parents) will secure donations from friends, relatives, business associates, church family and neighbors through Friday, September 22, 2017. On September 22, we will celebrate our fundraising efforts at MUSICON!



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What is MUSICON? MUSICON is the night we will celebrate our efforts in fundraising with fun and prizes! The event starts directly after school and ends at 7:00pm. Students get to choose themed rooms where they can participate in various activities and hang out with friends. We will have a Karaoke room, a Just Dance room, a Mani/Pedi room, a Face Painting/Henna room, a Bring Your Own Board Game room, a Rec Games room, and we'll show a movie on the big screen in the cafeteria! We will serve pizza for dinner, and there will be GLOW EVERYTHING! There will be raffles throughout the evening and the big prizes will be presented at the closing ceremony at 7pm. We will even have a COSPLAY CONTEST! (Come dressed as your favorite musician)

What to bring to MUSICON:

1. There will be an email with a link for parents to volunteer and/or donate items such as drinks and raffle prizes.
2. Students should bring sleeping bags, pillows, lawn chairs, or any other comfortable seating for the movie.
3. Students should bring their own board games, cards, video games, make-up, nail polish and mani/pedi supplies.
4. Your Cosplay attire to change into after school.

*All Items brought from home for MUSICON may be stored in your music classroom during the school day and picked up at 4:05pm.

PRIZES:

1. All students who raise the minimum donation and attend MUSICON will be entered into a raffle*. Winners will be drawn for various door prizes such as gift cards and game tickets.
2. For every \$10 raised, you get to pick an item from the GLOW box.*
3. The top 10 donating families from each discipline will receive 2 reserved, up front seats for the fall and spring concerts for their discipline.
4. Every student who raises \$100 or more will be entered into a drawing for Georgia Aquarium tickets *. They will be entered again for every \$50 over \$100 they raise. (\$150-2 entries, \$200-3 entries, etc.)
5. The top fundraiser from each discipline will get to PIE THEIR DIRECTOR IN THE FACE*!
6. The top overall fundraiser gets to PIE THE PRINCIPAL*!

*Students must be present at the final MUSICON event to win.

What is expected of me?

1. Each family is asked to raise a minimum of \$50.00, but feel free to raise more as the needs are great and there are some awesome prizes for the top fundraisers.
2. Give everyone who donates a tax receipt (included in this packet) and remind them that their donation is 100% tax deductible.
3. Have everyone who donates sign the donation acknowledgement form (included in this packet) and send it in to your director.
4. Return your permission form to attend MUSICON no later than Friday, September 15.



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5. ALL cash or check donations are due by September 15th. Please, NO coins. There will be NO money taken up during the week of MUSICON- OSP donations only.
6. Come to MUSICON and have a blast.

Ways to donate:

1. To donate online, please log into <https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/Default.aspx>, click on Middle School, then Northwestern, then Orchestra MUSICON. Friends and family will need your login information in order to donate online. Please make sure all online donors sign the donation acknowledgement form.
2. To donate by check please make your **check payable to Northwestern Middle School**. Please make sure all donors sign the donation acknowledgement form. Any cash or checks must be turned in before school.
3. To donate with cash, simply accept the cash and ask the donor to sign the donation acknowledgement form.
4. Please hold all donations until you have finished collecting and bring them all at one time to your music teacher with the signed donation form before school by **Friday, September 15, 2017**.
5. Online payments will be accepted through September 22, 2017.

Thank you for your generosity!



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MUSICON REGISTRATION

Name: _____

_____ My child will attend MUSICON and is allowed to watch a PG rated movie. I understand that students are expected to stay for the entire event from 4:05-7:00pm.

_____ My child can not attend MUSICON

_____ I will be able to chaperone MUSICON – You may also sign up to volunteer via the sign up genius link which will be sent out over email.

Chaperone Name: _____

Chaperone Email: _____

Chaperone Cell Phone: _____

*If you cannot chaperone the entire time please list hours you can stay. Students are expected to stay for the entire event.

Parent Signature _____

Circle one: **Band** **Chorus** **Orchestra**

Class Period: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER NO LATER THAN
Friday, September 15, 2017**



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Tax Deduction Receipts

Please separate and give to each donor. Please make copies of this page as needed.

Thank you for supporting the Northwestern Middle School Fine Arts with your gracious donation. All donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your part in helping us provide a quality music education for our children.

Sincerely,
Suzanne D. Grant, Chorus
Christy Naughton, Band
Steven Rushing, Band
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MUSICON DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please have each donor sign this form then turn it in with your donations in a sealed envelope labeled with your name and ensemble by

Friday, September 15, 2017

(OSP donations will be open through September 22).

STUDENT NAME _____

PLEASE NO COINS OR ONES-COMBINE CASH INTO LARGE BILLS

Date	Name of Donor	Phone	Cash or check #	Amount	Signature
PLEASE TOTAL YOUR DONATIONS:					