



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Fulton County School System – Northwestern Middle School



Dear Parents,

In connection with the standards for **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra**, our seventh and eighth grade classes will take a field trip to a special performance by the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, located at the Woodruff Arts Center, Symphony Hall, 1280 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, on **Friday, February 2, 2018**. The performance is called **The Quilt of American Music**. “The Quilt of American Music will celebrate the diversity of American heritage and its influence on classical music. Students will experience Gould’s American Salute before hearing Dvořák’s take on spirituals and African American musical traditions in his Symphony No. 9. Next, students will be introduced to African American composer William Grant Still and the Afro-American Symphony No. 1. The symphony performance will also include works by John Williams and Aaron Copland, finishing off with the Atlanta Symphony’s own resident composer and bassist Michael Kurth and his piece ‘May Cause Dizziness’.”

This trip is being sponsored by the music department directors. Students will go to first period as normal. At 9:45 am, they will report to the cafeteria, assemble in chaperone groups, and board buses. We will return by **3:30pm**. We will be traveling by bus and will have an adult chaperone for each small group of students. Chaperone groups will be assigned in advance and will not change on the day of the trip.

Please complete the permission slip and return it as soon as possible, and make your payment right away. The cost to attend this trip is **\$30**, which includes the concert ticket and travel by bus. This fee must be paid through Online School Payments (**OSP**), which will be open from **November 6 to November 17 at midnight**. The link says **Atl Symphony Field Trip- 7th and 8th grade- Suzanne Grant**. This trip is first come, first served and we have a limited number of tickets to sell on OSP. When the tickets are all sold, OSP will automatically close. Last year, one of our music field trips sold out in two days, so please be prompt. The field trip fee is non-refundable even if your child is unable to participate for any reason. Late payments will not be accepted, as we have a deadline with the Atlanta Symphony. If you need instructions for using OSP, please visit www.NMSperforms.org/OSP. We would like every student to be able to participate regardless of ability to pay. If you need assistance paying for this trip, please email your director to discuss arrangements for your child.

The cost for **chaperones** to attend is also \$30. Chaperones are first come, first served as well and should be paid on OSP (please put “chaperone” in the purchases notes). All chaperones must be registered as a “Fulton County Schools Volunteer.” This registration process takes just a few minutes, and must be completed once each school year. It takes a few days to be confirmed, so please complete this process early. Chaperones will be assigned and responsible for a group of students throughout the day. Chaperones must ride the bus to and from the field trip and supervise their group at all times during the day. There is a chaperone meeting at 9:00 am on the day of the trip in the orchestra room. Please be early, as you will need to check into the front office using your driver’s license to have your name tag printed, which can take a few minutes.



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It will be much easier to keep up with our students if they are all dressed alike, so all students are required to wear the blue **music department t-shirt** as an informal uniform for this field trip. The shirt is \$10 and can also be purchased on OSP. Be sure to use the correct link shirt link for Band, Chorus, or Orchestra. After the Symphony performance, we will walk to the Colony Square food court for lunch. **Students should bring lunch money.** Bring a coat in case it is cold or windy. We look forward to traveling to the ASO with you!

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PLEASE KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS



PARENT/GUARDIAN
INSTRUCTIONAL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM
SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE



Student Name: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

I give permission for my child to accompany his/her music class on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra trip on Friday, February 2, 2018 and I have made the \$30 payment on OSP. I understand my child must wear the blue music department t-shirt on the day of the trip.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

CHAPERONES ONLY

I will be a chaperone for this trip and I will attend the chaperone meeting at 9:00 on the day of the trip, and I have paid for myself on OSP as well. I am registered or will register as a Fulton County Schools Volunteer.

Parent chaperone name _____ Cell phone number _____

Chaperone Signature _____