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Dear Music Parents,

We are kicking off our annual MUSICON 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, equipment, new instruments, instrument repair and maintenance, clinicians, accompanists, staff development for directors, buses for performance field trips, awards, receptions, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. Here of some of our major needs this year and the per student cost:

- ε 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 in music
- ε SmartMusic- **\$10** per student
- ε Miscellaneous supplies- Rosin, rockstops, strings, tuners, tuner mics, batteries, quivers- \$600 per year- **\$2.25** per student
- ε Performance evaluation fees and transportation- approximately **\$15** per student
- ε Percussionist for concerts \$1000 per year- **\$7** per student
- ε Awards at the spring concert \$350- **\$2.50** per student
- ε Bakery Treats for concert receptions \$800 per year- **\$5** per student
- ε All for Strings workbook **\$5** per student
- ε MUSICON celebration night- **\$5** per student

That's over **\$75 per student** in expenses that can only be paid from your donations! We ask that you are as generous as you can be with your donation.

The fundraiser begins today and runs through Friday, September 14th. On Friday night, September 21, we will host the **MUSICON** event 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 14, 2018. On September 21, we will celebrate our fundraising efforts at MUSICON!

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 promptly 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, and we'll show a movie on the big screen! We will serve pizza for dinner and cake for dessert, have a COSPLAY costume contest (come dressed as your favorite character) and a raffle for gift cards at the closing ceremony at 6:30 pm. And the biggest hit: the top donating students get to PIE the teachers and admin in the face!!!



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

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. Students may bring Cosplay attire to change into after school.

PRIZES:

1. All students who raise the minimum donation of \$50 get to attend the MUSICON event and will be entered into the raffle. Students must be present at the final MUSICON event to win raffle items. Winners will be drawn for various door prizes such as gift cards and game tickets.
2. The top fundraiser per grade level from each discipline will get to PIE THEIR DIRECTOR IN THE FACE!
3. The top overall fundraiser gets to PIE THE PRINCIPAL!

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. Return your permission form to attend MUSICON no later than Friday, September 14. The after-school celebration event on Friday, September 21 is optional.
4. Turn in all of your donations by Friday, September 14.
 1. OSP is the EASIEST way to donate!! To donate online, please log into <https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/Default.aspx>, click on Middle School, then Northwestern, then Orchestra MUSICON. Online payments will be accepted through September 14, 2018 at midnight. The line item looks like this in OSP:

EN610-VAR7	Orchestra Musicon Fundraiser	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00
	Orchestra Fundraiser No Refunds					

5. Any cash or check donations are due by September 14th BEFORE SCHOOL. Music teachers cannot take up money during class as it would impact instructional time. Please, NO coins. There will be NO money or permission forms taken up after September 14 in preparation for the event on September 21. Checks must be made payable to Northwestern Middle School (NOT music, band, orchestra, chorus, etc).
6. Come to MUSICON after school on September 21 and have a blast!

Thank you for your generosity!



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MUSICON EVENT PERMISSION FORM

Name: _____

_____ We have participated in the MUSICON fundraiser and my child will attend the after school MUSICON event on September 21st. My child is allowed to watch a PG-13 rated movie. I understand that students are expected to stay for the entire event from 4:05-7:00pm. I will be in the carpool line by 7:00 pm for dismissal.

_____ 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 14, 2018**



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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 Music Department 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
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NEW TIMELINE for actual after school event

Check in with glowsticks quickly (give glowsticks in class?)

Admin pies 4:15

Movie by 4:30

Dinner 6- ALL in cafeteria at this time

Final pies and prizes at 6:30 as soon as all student sit down with pizza

Release 7pm

Remember to get Bach to Rock involved

TWO just dance rooms

Order popcorn in advance from Encore Camp company

Use a google form instead of sign up genius

Have the pie set up better- area needs to be roped off- use tensa

barriers. Have one chair for each student who is going to PIE so they step up very quickly and have plenty of room

