



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 1

Greetings orchestra parents,

This is Mrs. Champion and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year for Orchestra! Each week I will send out "notes" on orchestra activities. Please take a moment to look at everything. Not every item will apply to every musician, so please feel free to ask if you aren't sure. I will include the links to the handouts on the orchestra website: <http://nmsperforms.org/orcestrahandouts/>. Students will also receive the information in print. I also post these notes on this page: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-notes/>

SUPPLIES/INSTRUMENTS

All students recently received a [supply list](#) and flyers from our local music stores. Also, there is a [school instrument rental form](#) posted on the handouts page. ALL seventh and eighth graders should already have their violin or viola at school- instruction has started. All sixth graders should have their violin or viola by Monday. I will begin checking out cellos and basses for home use later next week. Cellists and bassists should NOT rent or make payment on OSP until my class rosters are finalized and I can determine how many school instruments I have available. If you have a school owned rental from last year and plan to keep it, please make payment this week through OSP. Otherwise I need the instrument back Monday for other students. Please email me if you have any questions about securing an instrument for your child.

PAYMENTS- PLEASE USE OSP

Please make all payments for orchestra through **OSP**. The directions for making online payments for orchestra are posted here: <http://nmsperforms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Online-School-Payments.pdf> Be SURE you pay for the correct item- there are no refunds available for incorrect OSP payments.

UNIFORM POLO SHIRTS

All sixth graders will need a uniform shirt. Seventh and Eighth Graders may need a new one. Please see the uniform handout posted here: [Uniform Information](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

There are several events coming up quickly that you need to be aware of

1. Our **Fall Orchestra Concert** is Tuesday, October 23 in the gym.
2. The spring concert is on **TUESDAY**, May 14 (not Thursday- that was an error).
The updated calendar is posted here: [Calendar of Events](#)
3. [Fulton County Honor Orchestra Auditions](#)- Monday, August 27, 2018
4. **GMEA Honor Orchestra and All State Orchestra**- This is a special opportunity for more advanced students who are taking private lessons.
Information is posted here: [Honor Orchestra and All State Orchestra Information](#)
Etudes are posted on <https://www.gmea.org/aso-information>

HANDBOOK

The orchestra handbook is updated on our website, and the sign off link is at the bottom of the page: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-handbook/>

MUSICON FUNDRAISER

We are kicking off our annual music department fundraiser soon! The music teachers ask that each family contribute their fair share so we can continue to give your children an outstanding experience in 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*! Keep a lookout for the letter soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will respond to emails as quickly as possible!

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