



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 2

Hello orchestra parents,

We have had a great week of instruction, and students received their surfaces this week as well. All students should have an instrument at school at this point.

I am happy to say that both of my sixth-grade classes are FULL at 32 students each! Thank you for your help in getting the word out to the community about our orchestra program.

If you'd like to know more about me, here is the webpage with my bio:

<http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-director/>

I am unable to check out school owned cellos and basses at this time. Please wait for updates next week....

As always, orchestra help sessions are DAILY at 8:05. This is a great time to practice if you don't have an instrument at home. Students must use the pass I provided to come to the OR before 8:25 from buses, during second period, or at 4:05 to pick up instruments.

Please remember, ALL orchestra students need headphones in their surface bag!!

The link to all the handouts are on the orchestra website: [HANDOUTS](#).

The link to these weekly Orchestra Notes are on this page: [ORCHESTRA NOTES](#) If your child enrolled in orchestra late, please read the notes from Week 1 here: [WEEK 1 NOTES](#)

Here are the handouts so far:

[Orchestra Handbook](#)

[NMS Orchestra Calendar 2018-2019](#)

[Online School Payments](#)— OSP Instructions

[Supply List 2018-2019](#)

[Orchestra Syllabus 2018-2019](#)

[2018-2019 GMEA All State/Honor Orchestra Information](#)

[Orchestra Formal Uniform 2018](#)

[School Owned Instrument Use](#)



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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](#)

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.

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



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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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