



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes Week 3- August 21, 2018**

Hello orchestra parents,

Last week I sent the weekly orchestra notes through the Messenger system on Friday. If you didn't receive them, here is the link: [Orchestra Notes Week 2](#)

### **UNIFORMS**

The uniform is the same as last year for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All sixth graders need a uniform shirt. Payment is due on OSP by August 31. Here is the flyer: [Orchestra Formal Uniform 2018](#). I need a **volunteer** to come in and size the sixth graders for uniform shirts. The times would be 2:30-4:00 any day in the next week or so. Please email me if you are available.

### **EIGHTH GRADE DISNEY TRIP**

Ms. Grant and I are waiting for final approval for the Disney trip. There will be a quick turnaround for trip payments after the commitment letter comes out, so please be prepared. We would like to get our tickets in advance to secure FastPasses, so final payments will be due in early November. More info to come!

### **CURRICULUM NIGHT**

I look forward to seeing you all at curriculum night. I will be in the orchestra room to greet you. Please stop by if you are able. There will be no formal presentation- just come see the classroom and say hi! As always I am available to ask questions. If you'd like to know more about me, here is the webpage with my bio: [Orchestra Director](#)

### **MUSICON**

We kicked off the MUSICON fundraiser on Monday, August 20. Here is the information including the permission form for the celebration night: [MUSICON](#) 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*!



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## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

I am unable to check out school owned cellos and basses at this time. Please wait for updates when they are available.

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](#).

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](#)

## 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.

**If you are unable to use OSP, I can only accept cash or checks before school, not in class.**

**Thank you!** 😊

## 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.



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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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