



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Fulton County School System – Northwestern Middle School

Dear Parents,

In connection with the standards for **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra**, our 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 **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**. The performance is called **Heroes of the Orchestra**. “This concert will introduce young audiences to the orchestra through an exploration of music inspired by history’s heroes, mythological heroes, and the everyday heroes in our student’s lives. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Mulligan will feature pieces like Aaron Copland’s Lincoln Portrait, Beethoven’s Prometheus, and James Weldon Johnson’s, Lift Every Voice and Sing. We invite all students attending this concert to submit a short paragraph/essay describing a hero in your life. The best essays will win an opportunity to read your essay on the Atlanta Symphony Hall stage during your Concert for Young People field trip date.” *Submit essays in pdf format to your director by email by Friday, September 14.*

Students must have exemplary daily behavior and participation in their music class to attend this trip. Your child’s director will be in contact with you if behavior is a factor in your child’s participation.

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. This is an excused absence from school.

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 go to the Northpoint Mall food court for lunch. **Students should bring lunch money** and a coat in case it is cold or windy.

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 **September 3 to September 14 at 11:59 p.m.** The link says Atlanta Symphony Field Trip Music Department October 17. 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 and bus company. 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.



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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 purchase 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 promptly 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.

We look forward to traveling to the ASO with you!

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN INSTRUCTIONAL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to accompany his/her music class on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra trip on Wednesday, October 17, 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 \_\_\_\_\_