



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes Week 9- October 4, 2018

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!

All instruments should go home today.

Orchestra Grades

Please log into the [Home Access Center](#) and check your child's grades in Orchestra. The third 9 weeks' report card grade will be finalized very soon; however, orchestra is a semester grade, and the grade is cumulative until the end of the school year. Each progress report or 9 week grade report is a snapshot that sometimes serves as a reminder to students to make up assignments. Sometimes students don't realize they are behind until I put grades into Home Access, which I usually only can do on the weekends. If you see a 50 in the gradebook, this means the assignment was not handed in at all. When the assignment is made up, I will enter the grade as quickly as I can.

Major Assessment: Students will be assessed on their playing skills individually through benchmark assignments using **SmartMusic**. All three grade levels have started practicing with SmartMusic and you should see the first grades entered this week.

Concert attendance will also be entered as a major assessment.

Minor assessments: Students are also using **ToneSavvy.com** and should be on #18 this week. ToneSavvy is entered into Home Access as one grade with the total number of assignments as the "points."

The **All for Strings Theory Book** is done weekly in class. I check each theory work book page and then the grade is entered in Home Access. To raise a less than perfect theory grade students may come in before school or second period for recovery to make up the work. There is a Perfect Theory Book Award for those who keep up with it the entire school year.

When students are absent, especially on a theory day, they will need to make up the missed assignments as soon as possible. For recovery, students can come in before school any day or second period with teacher permission. I will do my best to let you know by email if your child needs to make up any work.



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EIGHTH GRADE DISNEY TRIP

The Disney trip is full and roommate signs up are complete. Thank you for submitting your commitment forms on time. The OSP link is still not up yet, so don't worry about payment right now. I do not know when it will be back up. Please wait for the **ORCHESTRA** link to go back up (I will email you so you don't have to keep checking). **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CHORUS OSP LINK!** As a reminder, the payment schedule is \$300 donation due right after the OSP link goes up, and then \$300 due Thursday, November 1 on OSP by midnight. *Please set aside this money and be ready to pay in FULL when the link goes up.* We will have a parent meeting on Monday, February 4th from 6-7 p.m.- please add that date to your calendar if your child is going on the trip.

EIGHTH GRADE PERFORMANCE FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY

All Eighth grade Orchestra Students are invited to participate in the Mark Wood Electrify Your Strings concert at Cambridge. All students received a printed letter and the information is posted here: [Mark Wood Electrify Your Strings](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Field trip to the **Atlanta Symphony**- Wednesday, October 17, 2018
2. Our **Fall Orchestra Concert** is Tuesday, October 23 in the gym.
3. Please make sure you put all events on your family calendar: [Calendar of Events](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can help your child in any way.

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