



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Fulton County Schools – 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 **Friday, February 8, 2019**. The performance is called **She Composes!** “This concert will introduce students to some of the unsung heroes of classical music. Maestro Mulligan will kick off the concert with Clara Schumann and her Piano Concerto, Op. 7. Students will also experience Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel’s *Overture in C major* and Amy Beach’s *Symphony No. 2*.”

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 9:45am, 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 shirt link for Band, Chorus or Orchestra. After the Symphony performance, we will go to the North Point 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 on **December 5** and remain open until December 19 or until all tickets are sold. The link says Atlanta Symphony Field Trip Music Dept 2/8/19. 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 close. Typically, our music field trips sell out quickly, so please be prompt. The field trip fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** even if your child becomes unable to participate for any reason.

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” and your name in the purchase notes). All chaperones must be registered as a “Fulton County Schools Volunteer.” This registration process takes just a few minutes, but it takes a few days to get you into the system, so please do



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this when you purchase your ticket if you haven't already done so this school year. 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 9am on the day of the trip in the orchestra room #201.** Please be early, as you will need to check into the front office using your driver's license which can take a few minutes.

We look forward to traveling to the ASO with you!

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## PARENT/GAURDIAN 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 Friday, February 8, 2019 and I have made the \$30 payment on OSP. I understand my child music wear the blue music department t-shirt on the day of the trip.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

### CHAPERONES ONLY

I will be chaperone for this trip and I will attend the chaperone meeting at 9am on the day of the trip. I have paid for myself on OSP. I am registered as a Fulton County Schools Volunteer.

Parent Chaperone Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone Signature: \_\_\_\_\_