



BAND • CHORUS • ORCHESTRA 2019 MUSICON

Dear Music Parents,

We are kicking off **MUSICON** today! MUSICON is our annual donation-based fundraiser culminating in an after-school event with fun and prizes. This is the only fundraiser we will do all year, and it doesn't involve any *selling*! We ask that each family contribute their share so we can continue to give your children an outstanding experience in their 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.

Your donations are used to pay for sheet music, equipment, new instruments, instrument repair and maintenance, clinicians, accompanists, staff development for directors, buses for performance field trips, awards, receptions, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. Here of some of our specific costs this year and the per student cost:

- ♪ Each piece of music we play is approximately \$60. That is almost \$2 a student per piece x four concerts x three pieces per concert = **\$24** per student per year in music
- ♪ Miscellaneous supplies- Valve oil, tuning slide grease, extra reeds for emergencies, cord for mallet instruments, horn string, etc. – approximately **\$2.00** per student.
- ♪ Clinician fees (professional players who assist our 6th grade students in getting out their first few notes; they also assist our 7th and 8th Grade Band students with their Large Group Performance Evaluation music) - approximately **\$6.00** per student
- ♪ Performance evaluation fees and transportation- approximately **\$15** per student
- ♪ Awards (trophies/frames, etc.) at the spring concert- **\$2.00** per student
- ♪ Scale Medals - approximately **\$1.50** per student
- ♪ *101 Rhythmic Rest Pattern* Band Books - **\$10** per student
- ♪ MUSICON celebration night- **\$5** per student

That's almost **\$70 per student** in expenses that can only be paid from your fundraising donations! We ask that you are as generous as you can be with your donation.

The fundraiser begins today and runs through Friday, September 6. On Friday night, September 13, we will host the **MUSICON** event to culminate the efforts of our awesome young musicians and reward them for their hard work raising funds for their discipline.

How it works: Students (with the help of their parents) will secure donations from friends, relatives, business associates, church family and neighbors through Friday, September 6. On September 13, we will celebrate our fundraising efforts at MUSICON!

What is expected of me?

1. Each family is asked to raise the cost per student, but we will gladly accept any amount you are able to raise. Feel free to raise/donate more, as the needs are great and there are some awesome prizes for the top fundraisers!
2. Give everyone who donates a tax receipt (included in this packet) and remind them that their donation is 100% tax deductible.



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3. Return your permission form to attend MUSICON no later than Friday, September 6. The after-school celebration event on Friday, September 13 is optional, but loads of fun!
4. Add up all of your donations and turn in one payment on OSP by Friday, September 6 at midnight. Make sure you use the BAND line item in OSP.
5. Donate gift cards, coupons, tickets, or other prizes for the raffle.
6. Come to MUSICON after school on September 13 and have a blast!

What is MUSICON? MUSICON is the night we will celebrate our efforts in fundraising with fun and prizes! The event starts directly after school and ends promptly at 7:00pm. Students get to choose themed rooms where they can participate in various activities and hang out with friends. We will have a Karaoke room, a Just Dance room, a Mani/Pedi room, a Face Painting/Henna room, a Bring Your Own Board Game room, and we'll show a movie on the big screen! We will serve pizza and soda for dinner and cake for dessert, have a COSPLAY costume contest (come dressed as your favorite character) and a raffle for gift cards at the closing ceremony at 6:30 pm. And the biggest hit: the top donating students get to PIE the teachers and principal in the face!!!

Parents please be prompt with pickup at 7:00 p.m. and it would be very helpful if you could arrange neighborhood carpools as the pickup line is crowded and we do not allow children to cross the street or walk through the parking lot for their safety.

Per Fulton county policy, students must be present the WHOLE school day to participate in this extracurricular event. If you must pick up your child early from this event, you will need to contact the director in advance and come to the Wildcat Den door for checkout.

What to bring to MUSICON: *All Items brought from home for MUSICON may be stored in your music classroom during the school day and picked up at 4:05pm.

- There will be an email with a link for parents to volunteer and/or donate items
- Students may bring sleeping bags, pillows, chairs, or any comfortable seating for the movie.
- Students may bring their own board games, cards, video games, make-up, mani/pedi supplies.
- Students may bring Cosplay attire to change into after school for the contest.

PRIZES:

- All students who donate get to attend the MUSICON event and will be entered into the raffle. Students must be present at the final MUSICON event to win raffle items. Winners will be drawn for various door prizes such as gift cards and game tickets.
- The top fundraiser from each discipline will get to PIE THEIR DIRECTOR IN THE FACE!
- The top overall fundraiser gets to PIE THE PRINCIPAL!

Thank you for your generosity!



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MUSICON EVENT PERMISSION FORM

Student Name _____

Parents please initial in ONE box on the right.

My child **will attend** the after school MUSICON event on September 13. I have read the information regarding this fundraiser and understand the cost per student for my child's music program. We have participated in the MUSICON fundraiser by donating on OSP.

- My child is allowed to watch a PG-13 rated movie.
- I understand that students are expected to stay for the entire event from 4:05-7:00pm.
- I will be in the carpool line by 7:00 pm for dismissal (try to arrange carpools).
- I understand my child must be present the **WHOLE** school day to participate in this event.

My child **cannot attend** the after school MUSICON event, but I have read the information regarding this fundraiser and understand the cost per student for my child's music program. We have participated in the MUSICON fundraiser by donating on OSP.

Parent Signature _____

Circle one: Band Chorus Orchestra Class Period _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER NO LATER THAN
Friday, September 6, 2019**

CHAPERONES ONLY

_____ I will be able to chaperone MUSICON – You may also sign up to volunteer via the sign up genius link which will be sent out over email.

Chaperone Name: _____

Chaperone Email: _____

Chaperone Cell Phone: _____



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*If you cannot chaperone the entire time please list hours you can stay. Students are expected to stay for the entire event.



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Tax Deduction Receipts

Please separate and give to each donor. Please make copies of this page as needed.

Thank you for supporting the Northwestern Middle School Music Department with your gracious donation. All donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your part in helping us provide a quality music education for our children.

Sincerely,

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