



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

## **Orchestra Notes August 16, 2019**

Hello Northwestern Orchestra parents and students! We have had an outstanding first week of school and I'm so happy that your child is part of our award-winning program. Your child's middle school years are the beginning of a lifetime of music!

Each week I will send out [Orchestra Notes](#) with news, announcements, and links to handouts by email. Please take a moment to look at everything. Not every item will apply to every musician, so please feel free to ask if you aren't sure. I will include the links to the [Orchestra Handouts](#) on the orchestra website. Students will also receive the information in print.

I'm also using remind to communicate important messages to students and parents. Please take a moment to sign up for the remind for your class. Text the class code to **81010**. You do not have to download the app. The letters stand for **N**orthwestern **M**iddle **S**chool **O**rchestra- so be sure to use the letter 'O' and not a zero.

Class code for Sixth Grade: **@NMSO6**

Class code for Seventh Grade: **@NMSO7**

Class code for Eighth Grade: **@NMSO8**

Class code for the Atlanta Symphony Field Trip: **@NMSASO**

If you are looking to rent a **violin or viola** for your child, please try to have it by Monday. There is no need to rent a cello or bass for your child at this time. We are fortunate to have local stringed instrument stores that will deliver to the school. If you go into the store, please make sure you take the supply list with you. If you need help securing an instrument for your child, please let me know.

Your child has already received the [syllabus](#), [supply list](#), and [calendar](#). Please don't be overwhelmed by the calendar- the only person who has to go to all of those dates is.....me! You will find a color copy of the calendar dates on the [Orchestra Website](#). The lines that are highlighted blue are the most important- these are the three evening concert dates. Our first concert is **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the gym.



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By the first concert, all students should have an [Orchestra Uniform Polo Shirt](#). Please see the handout regarding polos.

We also have an informal Music Department T-shirt available. We will wear our t-shirts on field trip days and for informal performances. This year's shirt is \$10. It is soft material and features a color logo. The link is also on OSP. Be sure to use the ORCHESTRA link whenever you use OSP.



EN610-243	<b>Orchestra T-Shirt (informal)</b>	Champion, Evelyn
	Informal T-Shirt; Students will be sized at school No Refunds	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There are several events coming up quickly that you need to be aware of

1. **Our Fall Orchestra Concert is Wednesday, October 23 in the gym.**
2. [Fulton County Honor Orchestra Auditions](#)
3. **GMEA All State Orchestra**

The deadline for [All-State Orchestra](#) is around the corner. Please make your payment on OSP if your child is going to audition. If you are unsure if this opportunity is right for your child after reading the letter, please discuss it with me before paying your fee on OSP, as I cannot easily issue refunds.

4. [Atlanta Symphony Field Trip: the letter is posted HERE.](#)



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## 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*!

Your donations are used to pay for sheet music, sound equipment, new instruments, instrument repair, clinicians, accompanists, staff development for directors, buses for performance field trips, awards, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. I need funds to order music and other supplies this Fall! If you are so inclined, please go ahead and make your **MUSICON** fundraiser donation to Orchestra through OSP.

Please contact me at any time if you have questions!

**Thank you,**

**Mrs. Champion**