



ORCHESTRA

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Orchestra Notes August 23, 2019

Hello Northwestern Orchestra parents and students! What a fantastic second week! All students have been playing this week, and even sixth grade has finished a couple of book pages.

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.

NEW INFORMATION THIS WEEK

We just started our **MUSICON** fundraiser! You can find the letter here: [MUSICON](#)

All sixth graders will need a **Uniform** Polo Shirt: You can find the letter here: [UNIFORM](#)

The deadline to sign up to audition for **HONOR ORCHESTRA** and **ALL STATE** is around the corner. You can find the letter here: [ALL STATE/HONOR ORCHESTRA](#)

Be sure that all the **concert dates** are on your family calendar! [ORCHESTRA CALENDAR](#)

I look forward to seeing you at open house next week!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR REMIND

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**

UPDATE ON THE ASO TRIP

The trip sold out on Sunday morning, August 18 (that is less than one week of sales) and we have almost 400 students going, plus a long waiting list. I have secured another bus, and will email parents directly regarding payments for those on the waiting list as soon as final arrangements are made.



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INSTRUMENTS

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.

INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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 23rd** in the gym.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT SHIRT

We also have an informal Music Department T-shirt available. We will wear our t-shirts on field trip days (to the Atlanta Symphony!) 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 1. GMEA All State and Honor Orchestra- due September 6**
- 2. MUSICON deadline September 6**
- 3. MUSICON event- September 13** 🐼 🎃 🥧 🍕

4. Our Fall Orchestra Concert is Wednesday, October 23 in the gym.

Please contact me at any time if you have questions. Champion@fultonschools.org

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