



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Fulton County School System – 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 **Wednesday, October 9, 2019**. The performance is called **Percussion is Poppin'**. "Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, led by Assistant Conductor Stephen Mulligan, will present a concert featuring our ASO percussionists and their percussion instruments. This concert will focus on the pulse and heartbeat of the orchestra with pieces like Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4, Dvořák's Carnival Overture and more."

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 from **August 12 to October 1 at 11:59 p.m.** The OSP link says **Music Department Atlanta Symphony Field Trip October 9**. 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 automatically close. Last year, one of our music department field trips sold out in just a few days, so please be prompt. The field trip fee is non-refundable even if you or your child are unable to participate for any reason. We would like every student to be able to participate regardless of ability to pay. If you need assistance paying for this trip, please email your director to discuss arrangements for your child.

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.

On October 9, students will go to first period as normal. At 9:45 am, they will report to the cafeteria, assemble in chaperone groups, and board buses. We will return by **3:30pm**. We will be traveling by coach 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 for students. It will be much easier to keep up with our students if they are all dressed alike, so all students are requested to wear their NMS music department 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 Northpoint Mall food court for lunch. **Students should bring lunch money** and a coat in case it is cold or windy.

We will use **Remind** to communicate with students during the trip. All parents, students, and chaperones are invited to sign up. To sign up, create a new text message to the phone number **81010**. Send this code in the message: **@NMSASO** (you must use the @). If you are successful, you will receive an almost instant return message asking for your name. To finish signing up, you must respond with your **First** and **Last** name. Please no nicknames- we must be able to see the complete name of everyone signed up for the Remind group.



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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" in the purchase notes). All chaperones must be registered as a "Fulton County Schools Volunteer." This registration process takes just a few minutes, and must be completed once each school year. It takes a few days to be approved, so please complete this process early. If you are not on the approved chaperone list on the morning of the trip, you will be unable to travel with our group. To register, google "Fulton County Schools Volunteer" and follow the steps. Chaperones will be assigned and responsible for a group of students throughout the day. Chaperones must ride the bus to and from the field trip and supervise their group at all times on the trip. **There is an extremely important chaperone meeting promptly at 9:00 am on the day of the trip in the orchestra room.** Please arrive early (by 8:40), as you will need to check into the front office using your driver's license to have your name tag printed, which can take a few minutes.

We look forward to traveling to the ASO with you!

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INSTRUCTIONAL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Circle:** Band Chorus Orchestra
Class Period: 3 4 5 6 7 8

I give permission for my child to accompany his/her music class on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra trip on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 and I have made the \$30 payment on OSP. I understand my child must wear the blue NMS music t-shirt and bring lunch money on the day of the trip.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

CHAPERONES ONLY

YES, I will be a chaperone for this trip and I will attend the chaperone meeting at 9:00 on the day of the trip. I have paid for myself on OSP as well. I am registered or will register as a Fulton County Schools Volunteer in advance of the trip.

Parent Chaperone Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred Email Address _____