

Good afternoon Orchestra Families!

Monday, November 27, 2023

I hope you had an enjoyable long weekend! This fall has really flown by!
This newsletter serves as an update on all things orchestra related.

Orchestra Lessons

Each orchestra student should have attended 2 lessons so far for Quarter 2. If your student is missing a lesson, there will be make-up lessons during the day on December 8 & 11. I create a schedule and share it with students. This make-up schedule will be announced next week. There will be more make-up lesson opportunities during the school day in January.

If your orchestra student would like to schedule a make-up lesson for before or after school, please have your student send me a Schoology message. Thanks!

Concert Information

Our first orchestra concert is on Monday, December 18! This will be an exciting evening with lots of music! There are 2 performance times on that night. Each orchestra is assigned a time to perform (see below). Students are expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to the concert time and stay throughout their concert time. Students will watch 1-2 other orchestras perform.

Monday, December 18, 2023 **MS & HS Orchestra Concerts** **NMS Auditorium**

NMS and NHS Orchestra students will perform at two different concert times, based on their grade level or orchestra. NMS students are only required to attend the concert in which they perform.

Donations for the Northfield Food Shelf are collected prior to these concerts.

6th Grade, 7th Grade & HS Philharmonia Orchestras	6:00 pm Concert	5:30 pm Call Time
MS Chamber, 8th Grade & HS Symphony Orchestras	7:30 pm Concert	7:00 pm Call Time

Concert dates were announced in September as part of the Orchestra Syllabus and Return Form assignment. All orchestra dates are listed in the [Orchestra Syllabus](#) that is in Schoology.

NMS Music T-shirts and Concert Dress

Orchestra students received their NMS Music T-shirt before Thanksgiving break (if one was ordered). When receiving their new shirt, I made sure that it would fit and then wrote each student's initials on the shirt tag for many students. With hundreds of NMS Music shirts being passed out recently, we want to make sure that your student's shirt is not misplaced before getting home!

As a reminder, orchestra students will wear this Music T-shirt for all performances. Shirts will be worn tucked-in to either black pants or a black skirt. For students choosing to wear a skirt, the skirt must cover the student's knees when sitting. Black yoga pants or leggings are only appropriate as concert attire if a skirt is worn over them. Shoes for performances are black with a closed toe. These details can also be found in the Orchestra Syllabus.

8th Grade Orchestra Announcement

This information is only for members of the 8th Grade Orchestra. Each year, this group participates in an orchestra festival field trip. In September, I did not know the date of the festival. Please record Monday, March 4 as our field trip date! This festival takes place during the school day - occasionally we arrive back at school a little later than the end of the day. The timing of the festival will be announced after Winter Break.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read through this Orchestra update.

I am enjoying working with these students in the orchestra program! I look forward to sharing our dedicated musical work with you on December 18!

The next orchestra update will be sent a week before the concert. This will include more detailed information about the performance.

Take care,

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