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2022 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 activities 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.

What is it for? Your donations are used to pay for sheet music, method books, workbooks, equipment, supplies, new instruments, school instrument repair and maintenance, software subscriptions (SmartMusic, Sight Reading Factory and ToneSavvy), clinicians, professional accompanists and percussionists for concerts, staff development for directors, buses for performance field trips, awards, receptions, the MUSICON event on September 23th, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. The annual Orchestra budget is **over \$125 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 16th. On Friday, September 23rd after school we will host the **MUSICON** event to celebrate 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 16th. On September 23rd, we will celebrate our fundraising efforts at our MUSICON event!

What is expected of me?

1. Each family is asked to raise the budgeted 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. Add up all of your donations and turn in one payment on OSP by Friday, September 16th at midnight. Or, make multiple donations through OSP. Make sure you use the ORCHESTRA line item- look for the stringed instrument photo. Make sure you put the Orchestra student name in the description!



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Orchestra Musicon Fundraiser

Orchestra Fundraiser No Refunds

Champion, Evelyn

3. Give everyone who donates a tax receipt (included with this letter) and remind them that their donation is 100% tax deductible.
4. Return your permission form to attend MUSICON no later than Friday, September 16th. The after-school celebration event on Friday, September 23rd is optional, but loads of fun!
5. Donate gift cards, coupons, tickets, or other prizes for the raffle. Send these to Mrs. Champion.
6. Come to MUSICON after school on September 23rd and have a blast!



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NOTE: Doublers (students who are ALSO in Chorus or ALSO in Band) normally split their donation between the two ensembles, using the two different OSP links. Band, Chorus, and Orchestra have separate accounts and DO NOT share MUSICON funds. Doublers- please make sure you only turn in ONE permission slip to only one teacher so we don't count you twice for attendance.

What happens at MUSICON on September 23rd? We will celebrate our efforts in fundraising with fun activities, a pizza party, cake and prizes! The event starts directly after school and ends promptly at 7:00 p.m. Students get to choose activities and hang out with friends. We will serve pizza and soda for dinner and cake for dessert, have a COSPLAY costume contest (bring your costume so you can dress as your favorite character) and have 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 Mr. Peterson in the face!!!

Parents please be prompt with pickup at 7:00 p.m. -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. Students are expected to stay for the entire event until 7pm. Please do not plan to pick up your child early.

What to bring to MUSICON on September 23rd- All items brought from home for MUSICON may be stored in your music classroom during the school day and picked up at 4:05 p.m.

- Students may bring blankets, pillows, chairs, or any comfortable seating for the movie.
- Students may bring their own board games, cards, video game systems, make-up, mani/pedi and selfie supplies.
- Students may bring Cosplay attire to change into before the costume contest- *do not change immediately after school- wait until its almost time for the contest!*

PRIZES:

- All students who donate a minimum amount get to attend the MUSICON event and will be entered into the raffle. The more you donate, the more times you are entered to win!
- 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!

Parents- please sign up to chaperone and donate on this page:
[MUSICON SIGN UP - shorturl.at/bkv39](https://shorturl.at/bkv39)

Thank you for your help and generosity!

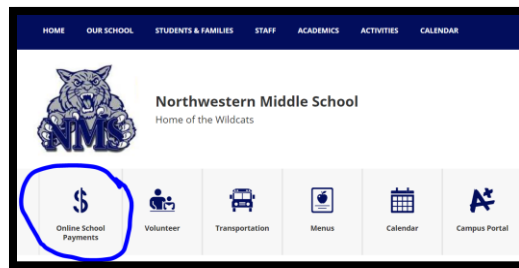


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Orchestra “Online School Payments” Instructions

Northwestern Middle School is a cashless school- we only accept “Online School Payments.” To get to this website, click the dollar sign under the Wildcat on the NMS website:

<https://www.fultonschools.org/northwesternms>



Once you get to the Northwestern MS OSP page, you will see many options listed that you can add to your cart.

IMPORTANT: Please always choose the correct ensemble- Band, Chorus or Orchestra in OSP. Each line item in OSP goes into a different account. We do not share funds between Band, Chorus and Orchestra and we cannot transfer funds between accounts. The only way to correct your payment involves a lot of time-consuming paperwork to secure a refund, and by that point you may have missed a deadline.

Please always be sure to use the **Orchestra** line item– it may be at the bottom of a huge list. This picture should show beside the line item.



It is best to use OSP from your desktop or laptop and NOT a cell phone. The photos don't always show up on phones and the full line of information isn't always visible. Most mistakes in OSP are made from phones.

Thank you so much for your assistance with OSP!

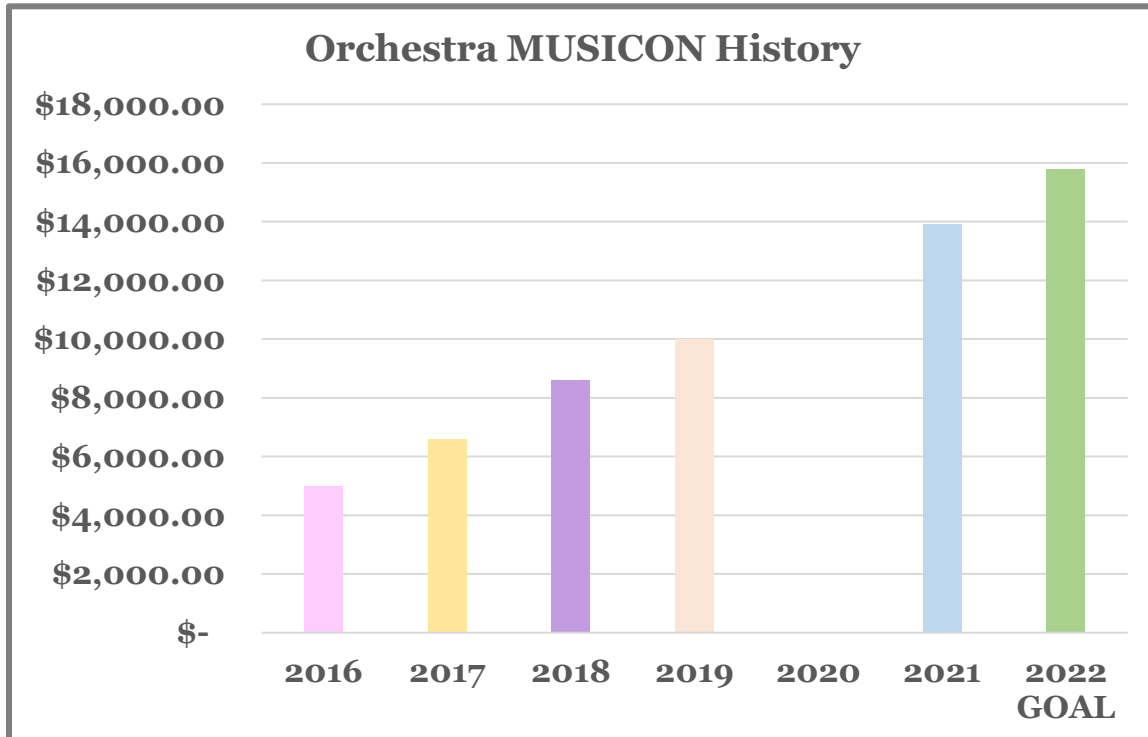


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Orchestra Specific Needs

As the Orchestra program grows, our needs are greater, and the goal gets slightly higher.



In addition to the items listed under “**What is it for?**” on Page 1, this year we hope to be able to pay for these items- listed in priority order:

- cello and bass bows
- music stands
- folder cabinet
- Tone Savvy subscription
- percussionist for concerts
- performance evaluation
- more folders
- clinicians for September and October
- clinicians for November and December
- clinicians for January and February
- clinicians for March and April
- computer for SmartMusic



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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,
 Evelyn Champion, Orchestra
 Suzanne D. Grant, Chorus
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Donation Amount - \$ _____

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MUSICON Event Permission Form Due September 16th

Parents please initial or check ONE box on the right.

My child **will attend** the after school MUSICON event on September 23rd. 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.
- I give permission for my child to be in the photos and videos of the 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.

OSP CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 16th- PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE BEFORE THE DEADLINE. THANK YOU!

Parent Signature _____

Circle one: Band Chorus **Orchestra**

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2022, END OF SCHOOL DAY

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR MUSICON

_____ I will be able to chaperone MUSICON – Please sign up to chaperone via this link

[MUSICON SIGN UP - shorturl.at/bkv39](https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer)

and make sure you are a registered volunteer on this website:

<https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer>

Chaperone Name(s): _____

**THANK
YOU!**