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2023 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 and supplies, new instruments, school instrument repair and maintenance, software subscriptions (Sight Reading Factory, SmartMusic and ToneSavvy), clinicians, professional accompanists and percussionists for concerts, staff development for directors, subsidizes field trip costs, awards, receptions, the MUSICON event on September 8th, as well as any many other needs that arise throughout the year. The annual music program budget is **over \$150 per student in expenses** that can only be paid for with 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 1st. On Friday, September 8th after school we will host the **MUSICON** event to culminate 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 1st. On September 8th, 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 1st at midnight. Or, make multiple donations through OSP. Make sure you use the appropriate line item for your ensemble. **Make sure you put the Student's Name in the description!**
3. Give everyone who donates a tax receipt (included with this letter) and remind them that their donation is 100% tax deductible.
4. Donate gift cards for the raffle. Send these to your director.
5. Come to MUSICON after school on September 8th and have a blast!

NOTE: Doublers (students who are in 2 music programs) should split their donation between the two ensembles, using two separate OSP links. Band, Chorus, and Orchestra have separate accounts and **DO NOT** share MUSICON funds.



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What happens at MUSICON on September 8th? We will celebrate our efforts in fundraising with fun activities, a Kona Ice truck, 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 cheese and pepperoni pizza for dinner and chocolate and vanilla cakes for dessert. There will be a COSPLAY costume contest with prizes for best costume, and a raffle for gift cards at the closing ceremony at 6:30 pm. The biggest hit of the party: the top donating students get to PIE the Directors 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 8th *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.

- There will be an email with a link for parents to volunteer and/or donate items.
- Students may bring blankets, pillows, chairs, or any comfortable seating for the movie.
- Students may bring their own board games, playing cards, and video game systems.
- 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!

Thank you for your generosity!



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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 quality music education for our children.

Sincerely,
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