



ORCHESTRA

Elaine Clayman, Director

Dear Parents and Students,

Our fall concert is **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. Here is the schedule with details:

	ARRIVE	PICTURES	PERFORMANCE
6th grade	5:45	5:45-6:15	6:30
7th grade	6:10	Upon arrival, <i>after 6th graders</i> , or 7:10-7:20	6:50 (approximate)
8th grade	6:50	Upon arrival or <i>after 7th graders</i>	7:20 (approximate)

- 6th Grade students should arrive and have their picture made, then report directly to the gym for tuning. 7th and 8th grade students should have their picture made before they perform and wait in the cafeteria/atrium area until shortly before performance time. Parents may enjoy the other grade levels' performances or wait in the atrium or cafeteria. I will make an announcement when it is time for the next group to come in. Students will return to the cafeteria after they perform to have photos taken (if they didn't do it before), pack up and leave with parents.
- Any 6th or 7th grade student who does not have time to have their picture made before they perform should have their picture made immediately after their performance. *All eighth graders must have pictures made BEFORE performing.*
- All students must be dressed in the full and correct concert uniform upon arrival at school. NMS orchestra polo, black pants/long skirt, black shoes.
- Parents are directly responsible for the supervision of their own children while at school for the concert. Please, no drop-offs on performance evening. Childcare will not be provided after school- all students must go home and return with a parent or guardian, except for Concert Crew.
- Students are not allowed to unpack in the Orchestra room on concert night. All cases will be stored in the cafeteria. After performing, all smaller instruments should be taken home to be returned in two class days. The day after the concert we will watch the concert videos, discuss the performance, return all equipment to its proper place, and reorganize our music folders with new music.
- Students and parents are welcome to listen to other grade levels, however, any student not performing **MUST** sit in the bleachers with a parent or guardian. Students may **NOT** sit in groups or even pairs without an adult.
- Latecomers, please wait by the gym door until applause. Please do not walk in front of the audience or behind the orchestra during the performance.
- **PLEASE**, no talking during the performance. Noise from the audience (even whispering) is distracting to the director, performers, and other concert-goers. Younger children should not be allowed to move about the gym during the performance but should stay seated and quiet with parents. Be sure to silence your cell phone, but feel free to take pictures and video.
- Please do not take your child out of Orchestra class on the day of the concert for appointments/shopping/etc. Our last rehearsal in class before the concert is crucial!

Please keep this page at home for reference.

Thank you!

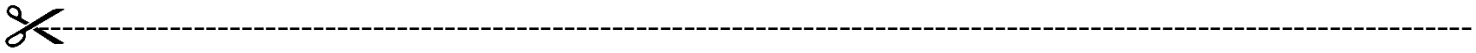
NMS Orchestra Concert and Picture Night

All students are invited to have their picture made with their instrument before the concert in the Wildcat Den. These photos make great keepsakes or holiday gifts and will be used for an orchestra “composite” photo. *All eighth graders are required to get their picture made for the composite to be displayed in the orchestra room, but a picture purchase is not required.* Visit www.pdiportraits.com and use code **101823**. **Payments for pictures can be made online or go directly to the photographer on concert night.** Questions? Info@digitalfotos.com

Composite photo:



Sample student photo:



I have received the concert information letter and read the expectations for the concert, and pledge to help make our fall concert a success! I understand that concert attendance in correct uniform is mandatory, and that all students should get their picture made on concert night. I agree to allow my child to appear in the concert performance video which will be shared with parents and shown in Orchestra class the next day.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

CHAPERONES ONLY- *Chaperones will have reserved priority seating.*

I am available to chaperone the performance and I am registered or will register as a Fulton County Schools Volunteer. During the 45 minutes before my child’s performance I will (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> assist the photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> supervise the cafeteria |
| <input type="checkbox"/> supervise the Orchestra room | <input type="checkbox"/> supervise the atrium area |

Parent chaperone name _____ Number of seats needed _____

Chaperone Signature _____