

February 9, 2010

Dear High School Orchestra Families,

As we are all preparing for the upcoming combined orchestra concert, **Tuesday, March 2** at Millard North High School, we would like to inform you about the details of the evening. Due to differing schedules at the three buildings, we have decided to hold the combined rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. to avoid potential conflicts and time missed from the school day. Other ensembles have a similar set-up for their combined programs, and it appears to work well. Please read on for further instructions.

**10-12 Orchestra Students – This concert is required and is part of your grade.** Please plan to arrive at MNHS by 5:30 p.m. if you would like to eat FOR FREE! **Students arrive for pizza 5:15 p.m. (parents and other family members will eat at 5:45), rehearsal will begin at 6:00 p.m., the concert will begin at 7:00PM.** If you choose not to eat at 5:30, you may arrive by 5:45 to unpack, tune, and find your chair.

At 6:00 p.m. all students should be in the MNHS auditorium ready for instructions from the directors. We will rehearse the combined orchestra (approximately 160 orchestra members) from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Concert order this year will be MNHS Alternative Styles Ensemble, followed by combined orchestra.

**Parents – You can eat pizza too (between 5:45-6:15)!** While the students are rehearsing for the concert, there will be an informal meeting, led by MNHS Orchestra Parents Association (OPA) board members, to orientate parents of incoming freshmen on the MNHS orchestra program and the opportunities they have as members of the MNHS orchestra program. This meeting will run from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria – which is adjacent to the auditorium. The concert will be over by 8:15 p.m. There is no admission charge.

We are looking forward to this annual event and meeting the students and parents of our middle school orchestras. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the MNHS orchestra program, feel free to call. The orchestra office phone number is 715-1513. **Please tell your Mrs. Martinez how many people are planning to attend the pizza dinner so we have enough food for everyone – thanks!**

Musically yours,

Debbie Martinez  
Director of Orchestras  
Millard North High School

\*\*\*Please return this form to your orchestra teacher by Tuesday, February 24, 2010.\*\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student name) will

\_\_\_\_\_ arrive at 5:30 and eat pizza before the dress rehearsal at 6:00. (Parents and additional family members can eat at 5:45)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of people eating pizza from our family, including orchestra student.

OR:

\_\_\_\_\_ He/she will arrive at 5:45 to unpack and tune for the dress rehearsal at 6:00.

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(Parent Signature)