

January 6, 2010

Dear MN Orchestra Students and Parents:

One of the biggest events of the orchestra year is upon us!! The **Millard Public Schools Orchestra and Choir Clinic Concert** is set for **Monday, January 25**. The clinic is an annual event where we combine orchestras from the three Millard high schools and six Millard middle schools and give one mass concert. Please note the information below:

WHO: All students (string, wind, and percussion) involved with MN Orchestra.

WHAT: All-Millard Orchestra Clinic

WHEN: Monday, January 25 – 8:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. rehearsal at Millard North
7:00 p.m. performance at Millard North

WHERE: Millard North High School, 1010 S. 144 St.

WHY: The purpose for this performance is to give students a chance to collaborate on repertoire in a large ensemble, and receive enrichment through the clinic by the direction of our guest: Clark Potter, Viola Professor from UN-L.

OTHER ITEMS:

- We are hosting the clinic this year! That means I need “all hands on deck” to help with set-up, clean-up, and general logistics. Please use the attached paper to sign up. Because we are a FAMILY I do expect everyone to help in some capacity! This is also a great way to earn letter points!
- Rehearsal begins at 8:00 a.m. I would like you to arrive by 7:30 a.m. to help with last-minute set up and to direct the other students as they arrive. School does not usually begin until 8:45 on Mondays, so please be aware of the early start! I appreciate you adjusting your schedule to accommodate this event.
- OPA is providing refreshments – but do remember - no food or drinks (except water) are allowed in the gym.
- **PLEASE BRING A FOLDING STAND FROM HOME!** We won't have enough stands for everyone.
- You will miss 1st-4th periods. Please think ahead to make up any tests or homework missed.
- The school **does not** provide transportation to the evening concert. Please plan to arrive at Millard North by 6:30 p.m. to get tuned up, warmed up, and ready to go. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
- **Concert Dress** – is the same as regular school concerts. Please check the handbook for further information.
- This is a **required performance** as outlined in the orchestra handbook. There are no excused absences – the only possible exceptions being illness or family emergency. In either case, Mrs. Martinez will need a note, phone call, or email from a parent and a make-up assignment will be required. If a student misses the clinic and/or concert for reasons other than those listed above, then the student will forfeit the points for the activity, thus failing the assignment.
- This is a really cool event – many parents cite it as their favorite orchestra concert – how many times do we get to hear/participate in a 300-piece orchestra?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions or need further information, please ask Mrs. Martinez: 715-1513, djmartin@mpsomaha.org

Sincerely,
Debbie Martinez
Orchestra Director

**SIGN UP FOR EXTRA HELP
MPS ORCHESTRA CLINIC
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010
DUE BY January 12.**

Check one (or more if you're very helpful!)

_____ Set Up Assistant: Work at MNHS from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24 to help set up the gym.

(set up chairs and percussion, label chairs, place stands, etc.)

_____ Greeter: Monday, 7:30-8:00 a.m. Meet buses, direct students to gym

_____ Tuning assistant (helps tune stubborn instruments, adjusts bridges/strings as necessary)

_____ Morning clean up – 11:15-11:45 a.m. (get ready to host middle school students, clean up anything left in gym)

_____ Afternoon runners: If you are free 5, 6, or 7th hour, help with middle school rehearsal:

_____ 5th hour

_____ 6th hour

_____ 7th hour

_____ Evening set up – 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (hand out programs, be available to help)

_____ Evening clean up – end of concert, about 30 minutes after (put away chairs, stands, clean up gym, get equipment back to correct spots.) ***I really expect everyone to help with this part, so check this box if you plan to go above and beyond.***

PARENTS:

Check one:

_____ Donate refreshments (or help solicit donations)

_____ Set up/man refreshment table – 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

_____ Room Proctor Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m. and after concert – Be present in the music wing to keep an eye on students as they get ready.

_____ Evening clean up – end of concert

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____