

# Norse Orchestra News

## Fall 2016

**Orchestra Website:**

[www.nmorchestras.weebly.com](http://www.nmorchestras.weebly.com)

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**Announcing!!!**

**Orchestra & Choir Trip to  
NYC May 4th-7th 2017  
Informational Meeting:  
Monday, September 12th  
6:30**

### **The Moxie Strings**

School-day clinic for  
Norse Orchestras  
&

**FREE Evening Concert 6:30 PM**

**Wednesday,  
September 14th**

Michigan Irish Music Festival  
Sunday, September 18 3:00 PM

## Dear Orchestra Students and Parents,

Welcome back for another great year of music-making at North Muskegon. What a great time we had together last year! Your students inspired me with their determination to overcome challenges, their devotion to one another, and their love for music and life! I am looking forward to spending another year growing together through music! Please don't hesitate to contact me throughout the year if you have questions or concerns.

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## Some Orchestra highlights to celebrate from the (recent) past...

- *Elected our first ever Orchestra Council*
- *designed Orchestra T-Shirts and Sweatshirts!*
- *Debuted new formal HS Uniforms & blue polos for all Instrumental Musicians*
- *Successful DK-12 All-School Holiday Assembly Performance*
- *New MS/HS Orchestra Facebook group*
- *Combined MS and HS Holiday Performances*
- *Holiday Performances at NM Circle of Trees and Muskegon Museum of Art's Festival of Trees*
- *Decorated our first NM Orchestra Christmas Tree in the NM Circle of Trees*
- *Community service (and donation) to Kid's Food Basket*
- *Christmas Caroling at North Crest Nursing Home*
- *Orchestra Project small group performances in local restaurants and coffee shops*
- *Second Annual (even bigger) Fiddle Party at Bear Lake Beach*
- *North Muskegon Parade NM Fiddlers Float (August 2015 & 2016)*
- *Student participation in Meyer Music Honors Orchestra (and FOX news TV interviews!)*
- *Excellent student participation in Solo & Ensemble, MSBOA Honors Orchestras, and even All-State Orchestras!*
- *MS and HS Orchestra giving stunning performances (and FIRST Division ratings at MSBOA Orchestra Festival!)*
- *First annual Orchestra Awards Dinner Party at Fricano's Pizza!*
- *Norse Solo & Ensemble Jr. for young performers*
- *Infinitus String Trio private performance for Norse student body*
- *Introduced a new concert concept with our Hits & Hollywood Highlights Spring Concert*
- *Raised over \$3,000 in sponsorships to fund our fiddle clinic & Irish Festival concerts with THE MOXIE STRINGS!*

Performance participation is expected for all Orchestra musicians. Please write these important dates in your family calendar now to avoid future conflicts.



### Our Norse Musicians were busy this summer...

they stormed Blue Lake Fine Arts camp, fiddled at the NM Summer Strings Camp, and attended Orchestra Leadership Camp at WMU! Be sure to ask a Norse musician about their summer adventures. And thank the Music Boosters for their scholarships!



## Important 2016-2017 dates for the future...

- September 9th, 12th & 13th HS Band/Orchestra uniform sorting/ fittings (in class)
- September 12th Orchestra Council elections during class
- **September 12th 4:30-7:30** Auditions & first rehearsal for the WMSO Debut Strings Beginner Youth Orchestra. (Middle School students might find this to be a great opportunity for fun music making, confidence building, and leadership)  
Email Gabe Slimko: [gslimko@westmichigansymphony.org](mailto:gslimko@westmichigansymphony.org) for more info.
- September 12 6:30 Band/Choir/Orchestra NYC TRIP meeting
- **September 14th** Moxie Strings Clinic (school day) & FREE evening concert 6:30
- **September 18th** Michigan Irish Music Festival performance with Moxie Strings (3:00)
- September 19-30 Orchestra Fund Drive
- September 19 6:00 First Music Booster Meeting! (every 3rd Monday MS/HS Library)  
Come! We need your ideas, your voice, and your helping hands.
- September 20th 6:30-8:00 New Strings Student Rental Night and Parent Info Night (Flex Center---This event is designed for 3rd Grade strings parents, but anyone is welcome to attend if they have instrument needs or would like to contact Shar or Meyer Music) MS/HS  
Volunteers are welcome to help!
- September 21 Individual Playing Assessments & Chair Auditions during class
- September 28 MSBOA All-State Audition Registration deadline
- October 13th Band & Orchestra Fundraiser
- October 17 Music Boosters Meeting
- October 20 & 21 HS Uniform pick-up after school
- **October 23rd 2:00 PM** Fall MS/HS Band & Orchestra Concert
- October 27th All State Auditions
- November 1st MS Solo & Ensemble Registration Deadline
- November 16th Holiday Music Rehearsal (for Festival of Trees) after School 2:45-4:00
- **November 20th** 3:30-5:00 Festival of Trees Performance at Muskegon Museum of Art
- November 21 Music Boosters Meeting
- December 2nd HS Honors Orchestra Application Deadline
- December 3rd Middle School Solo & Ensemble
- **December 4th** Circle of Trees (afternoon tree-decorating & evening performance)
- December 8th Orchestra Student Project Deadline (All presentations *completed* by this date. Written work turned in by the start of class on Friday.)
- **December 9th** All-School Holiday Music Assembly (DK-12)
- **December 12th 6:00/7:45** Middle School Holiday Concerts featuring Norse Choir, Band & Orchestra (\$1 tickets will help support a local cause!)
- **December 14th 6:00/7:45** High School Holiday Concerts featuring Norse Choir, Band & Orchestra (\$1 tickets will help support a local cause!)
- December 21st "Senior Day" (tentative) *Seniors*-only after-school (half-day) lunch and caroling to deliver ornaments to *seniors* in the Nursing Home.

Our second annual Summer Fiddle Party at Bear Lake Beach turned out to be a lively evening of food, fiddling, and swimming! A solid tradition in the making...



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- January 4th HS Solo & Ensemble Registration Deadline
- January 11 HS Honors Orchestra
- January 11 MS Honors Orchestra Registration Deadline
- January 19-21 All-State Orchestra Rehearsals & Concert
- January 28 HS District Solo & Ensemble
- **February 12** Pre-Festival Band & Orchestra Concert
- **March TBA** MS & HS District Orchestra Festival
- March 16th Orchestra Student Project Deadline
- March 18th State Solo & Ensemble
- March 25 MS Honors Orchestra
- April (TBD) Orchestra Awards Dinner Party
- April 27th Norse "Solo & Ensemble" Jr.
- **April 30 2:00 PM** MS/HS Band & Orchestra Spring Concert
- May 4-7 Choir & Orchestra Trip to NYC!
- May 17 NMPS Senior Awards Ceremony (HS Orchestra performs)
- **May 25** Baccalaureate
- **May 26** Graduation

***SCRIP is sold every Wednesday evening from 5-6 PM outside the HS office and Friday mornings 7:30-8:30 AM in the Superintendent's Office***

## A FEW ORCHESTRA FINANCIAL NEEDS:

*Sponsors will be recognized in future printed concert programs or on the screen during concerts.*

- Orchestra Dinner Party Financial Donations \$400-500 needed for this year... and/or a local venue or catering idea/sponsorship
- Concert Sponsors \$200-400 needed annually
- MSBOA Event Scholarships (\$200 needed annually to cover fees for students to participate in Solo & Ensemble, Honors events, etc.)
- MSBOA Orchestra Festival Plaque and Medals \$160 needed annually
- Non-MSBOA Orchestra Awards (certificates, trophies, and medals) \$200 needed annually
- Clinicians, Sectional Coaches (\$50 each time, & Professional Performers such as Moxie Strings) \$500-3,500
- Norse Solo & Ensemble "Junior" \$100 needed
- Summer Fiddle Camp Sponsors--\$500 needed each year

# NORTH MUSKEGON ORCHESTRA SPONSORS



**Individuals, Families, or Business desiring to make a tax-deductible contribution to the North Muskegon Orchestra program, please mail this form (with your check North Muskegon Public Schools) to:**

**North Muskegon Orchestras**

Attn: Angela Corbin

1600 Mills Avenue

North Muskegon, MI 49445

(Individual or Business) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be mentioned/featured in concert programs & on our Orchestra website ? Y N

**Giving Circles**

**DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE**      \$500 or more (large ad in concert program, pre-concert commercial slide, and small student string ensemble available to perform at an event or special occasion)

**GOLD**      \$251-\$500 (large ad in concert program & pre-concert commercial slide)

**BLUE**      \$101-\$250 (medium sized ad in all concert programs)

**NORSEMEN**      Up to \$100 (name listed in all concert programs)

Concert underwriting opportunities also available  
(please contact Angela Corbin 616-638-4274 [acorbin@nmops.net](mailto:acorbin@nmops.net))



## North Muskegon Parade



### Fiddlers Float 2016

Thank you to the very generous helpers who made August 11th a magical summer night for over 30 young Norse musicians. Those 2nd through 12th graders shared a unique "stage" experience ...where they (and their musicianship) were (literally) paraded through their own community to be celebrated and applauded by family, friends, and strangers. Hopefully, they felt in a new and deeper way...the reality that they ARE musicians....and that music is something worth doing, and that "musicking" with others can happen anywhere...and that music will connect them to people, and that music can be a 'place' that they can belong in the world.

They were super simple tunes, but it took a lot of stamina to play them over and over and ...over. **Ryan Corbin, Kimberly Lowe, Michelle Robinson, and William Hogan** made it a successful night to remember with gold balloons and sparkling trim and one awesome trailer. Thank you for all your help!

## High School Orchestra Uniforms Use & Care Info

- We will be measuring for uniforms this week. Thank you to **Laura Bos** and **Deb Huising** for the hours they have already spent sorting and preparing uniforms for measuring and cleaning! (Their students have graduated and we'll need some new volunteers to help!)
- Each student is responsible for ensuring concert attire is returned in excellent condition at the end of the school year. The Music Boosters committee will inspect the condition of each uniform. Replacement charges for damaged attire is as follows:
  - **Skirt - \$42, Jackets - \$80, Pants - \$32, Ties - \$3.50**
- The shirt/blouse is purchased and owned by the student. They can be used from year to year as student size and condition allow. This policy is for sanitary purposes. The shirts are machine washable and each student is expected to arrive for each concert cleaned and pressed.
- If the hem on your uniform comes loose, please tack it up by hand with black thread. DO NOT attempt to put in a machine hem using a straight stitch, zig-zag, or blind hem. DO NOT use iron-in fabric fuse, glue, tape, or staples. If you are unable to fix a hem, bring the uniform back to school for repair. Failure to comply with these stipulations will result in a uniform replacement fee charge.
- Students are also expected to have **black socks** (or nylons for girls) and **black dress shoes** to complete the attire.
- **Please do not clean the pants, skirts or jackets at home.** Some home products can react with dry cleaning solutions and will cause spotting and ultimately ruin the uniform. Notify Mrs. Corbin should cleaning become necessary before the end of the school year. All uniforms are distributed dry-cleaned.
- Uniform pick-up will be **Thursday, Oct. 20 and Friday, Oct. 21**
- **We require the attached signed form before the uniform can be released.**
- **Returning students**, who will be using the same tux shirt as last year, will need **\$10** for the usage fee. This covers dry-cleaning at the end of the school year, and a nominal depreciation fee to be used toward future replacement uniforms.
- **New students** will need to purchase a new or used shirt.
- Make checks payable to **"North Muskegon Public School"**.

**\*\*If any student/family is unable to provide the money needed to cover the cost of the shirt and user fee, fundraising opportunities will be made available to the students in order to be able to raise the necessary amount. Students may use money from their trip fund to pay for uniform fees. If further assistance is needed, please discuss individual circumstances with Mrs. Corbin for reimbursement through Music Boosters. *No student will be refused participation due to lack of funding.***

# Music Boosters

## Concessions Volunteers Needed:

See below for an enjoyable way to help raise funds for our students!

The North Muskegon Music Boosters contribute financial support to all music programs, from Kindergarten to 12th grade. In addition, we provide scholarships to summer camps to further develop and enhance our students' musical talents. These funds are raised through Scrip sales, the Meijer Community Rewards Program and profits from the concession stand.

Many volunteer hours are needed to help raise the funds we contribute. Please let me know what date you are willing and able to help out and if you prefer the front or the back of the stand. You can email me with your response and any questions at [nmmbcconcessions@gmail.com](mailto:nmmbcconcessions@gmail.com). When doing so please include your preferred method of contact. Thank you for all of your willingness to help out!

Link to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/XpQxBg>



## Fall 2016 Sport Schedule for Concessions Volunteers (home games only)

Wed Sep 7, 2016 MS Concessions 3:30pm - 7:00pm Filled: 0 of 4

Thu Sep 8, 2016 JV Concessions 6:00pm - 9:00pm Filled: 3 of 6

Sat Sep 10, 2016 JV/Varsity Soccer Concessions 10:30am - 3:00pm Filled: 0 of 2

Thu Sep 15, 2016 JV Concessions 6:00pm - 9:00pm Filled: 2 of 6

Fri Sep 16, 2016 Varsity Soccer Concessions 6:30pm - 9:00pm Filled: 1 of 2

Wed Sep 21, 2016 MS Concessions 3:30pm - 7:00pm Filled: 1 of 4

Thu Sep 22, 2016 Varsity Soccer Concessions 5:00pm - 7:00pm Filled: 0 of 2

Fri Sep 23, 2016 Varsity Concessions 6:30pm - 10:00pm Filled: 5 of 9

Mon Sep 26, 2016 JV/Varsity Soccer Concessions 4:30pm - 9:00pm Filled: 0 of 2

Tue Sep 27, 2016 Varsity Soccer Concessions 6:30pm - 9:00pm Filled: 0 of 2

Thu Sep 29, 2016 JV Concessions 6:00pm - 9:00pm Filled: 4 of 6

Mon Oct 3, 2016 Varsity Soccer Concessions 6:30pm - 9:00pm Filled: 0 of 2

Fri Oct 7, 2016 Varsity Concessions (Homecoming) 6:30pm - 10:00pm Filled: 6 of 11

Wed Oct 12, 2016 MS Concessions 3:30pm - 7:00pm Filled: 1 of 4

Fri Oct 14, 2016 Varsity Concessions 6:30pm - 10:00pm Filled: 3 of 9

Fri Oct 21, 2016 Varsity Concessions 6:30pm - 10:00pm Filled: 4 of 9

# Orchestra Grading Standards

- **Instrumental Skills & Knowledge** (posture, left hand, right hand skills) assessed through individual and ensemble performance evaluations. 25%
- **Musicianship Skills & Knowledge** *Tonal & Rhythmic Aural Skills & Ear Training, Creative Musicianship, Music Literacy, Ensemble Skills* assessed through individual and ensemble performance evaluations, written musical compositions and arrangements, and quizzes. 25%
- **Ensemble Skills & Knowledge** Mastery of Rehearsal & performance skills. Applying evaluative skills to determine the quality and effectiveness of their own and others performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations. 25%
- **Orchestra Project** Student may choose from a list of project ideas. (see below) 25%

## Orchestra Project Options

(For 25% of their grade, students will choose one *different* project for each semester)

**DUE DATES:** Semester 1: Thursday, December 8th / Semester 2: Thursday, March 16

MUST BE COMPLETED **BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF CLASS ON THE DUE DATE.**

**SCHEDULE PRESENTATIONS IN ADVANCE!**

*If students have questions about projects, or need music or other resources for project, they should contact Mrs. Corbin IN ADVANCE (at least 1 week prior to project due date.)*

*See project guidelines & rubrics for more info.*

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**Option 1: Solo & Ensemble Participation/ Presentation**

**Option 2: String "Quartet" Performance & Management**

**Option 3: Practice Record Tool and Good Practice Strategies**

**Option 4: Solo & Composer Project**

**Option 5: Special Performance Participation** (All-state, Youth Orchestras, etc)

**Option 6: Musical Composition Project**

# Announcing!!!

## Orchestra & Choir Trip to NYC May 4th-7th 2017

**Informational Meeting: Monday, September 12th 6:30** Choir Room



Airport Tour and Travel  
3494 Peninsula Dr Muskegon, Mi 49444  
231-830- 8116 www.airporttourandtravel.com Geogh3@yahoo.com

### Parents and students,

**Meeting for you to make that decision on the New York City trip 2016  
September 12, 2016 - 6:30pm**

Our tour manager – George Gasahl – from Airport Tour and Travel will be here to discuss the New York trip for anyone interested in coming along. We will discuss the trip the choir/orchestra is planning for May 4 – 7, 2017 to New York  
Trip total price \$ 1,439.00 per person – if you want a room to yourself - \$ 1899  
Air Transportation Detroit to NYC – 60 people max  
Bus to/from Detroit Airport  
Hotel in New York City / Subway pass – getting around the city via subway

#### Activities –

Hop on Hop off / walking tour of lower Manhattan  
Musical on Broadway / Concert at Lincoln Center  
Top of the Rock / Rockefeller Center / ABC Today Show  
Highline / Katz Deli / Chinatown / Little Italy  
Food arrangements – 3 special dinners / cash for breakfast / 1 cash dinner  
What is and what is not included

#### Deposits and payments and when they are due

- Initial deposit \$ 200 (non-refundable) due by September 30
- Second Payment \$ 600 (non-refundable) due by December 2
- Final Payment \$ 639 (non-refundable) due by February 3

It's a good idea to bring along your deposit of \$ 200 per person, as we will most likely have less spots available than people that want to go along. All deposits in cash or checks need to be made out to North Muskegon High School Choir or NMPS Orchestra. Please put New York City trip on the memo line. See below for CC details

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Yes I want to go to New York City – deposit is attached – Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth – Day/Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Any student not in High School must have a parent or designated guardian with them on this trip.

Airport Tour and Travel  
3494 Peninsula Dr Muskegon, Mi 49444  
231-830- 8116 www.airporttourandtravel.com Geogh3@yahoo.com



# **NYC TRIP May 4th-7th, 2017 Itinerary**

**Daily Itinerary – this is a guideline and is subject to change**

Thursday – May 4

8am – Depart NMHS – charter bus to Detroit  
2pm – Fly out of Detroit - Delta Airlines  
345pm – arrive LaGuardia – NYC Airport  
6pm – dinner in NYC – location to be announced  
7pm – 10pm – explore Times Square - Top of the Rock tour  
10pm – Hotel Courtyard by Marriott – 135 West 30th St – New York City

Friday – May 5

7am – subway to Rockefeller Center – Stand By for Today Show Audience  
7am - \$5 cash for breakfast on the street  
9am – Subway to Battery Park  
10am – ferry to Staten Island – great view of East/Hudson Rivers and Statue of Liberty  
11am – walk up Broadway to Wall Street / Trinity Church – lunch on your own  
Noon – Ground Zero  
2pm - Canal Street / Chinatown and Little Italy  
5pm – Dinner – Casa Bella – Little Italy  
6:30pm – subway to Times Square  
8pm – Theater – show to be determined  
10pm – return to hotel

Saturday – May 6

7am - \$5 cash for breakfast on the street  
9am – Music Workshop – to be determined  
11am - Hop on Hop off – bus tour of NYC  
5pm – meet in Times Square  
530pm – dinner at HB Burger at the Empire State Building  
8pm – Concert – NY Philharmonic – Lincoln Center – Beethoven Symphony Ode to Joy  
10pm – subway / path to hotel

Sunday – May 7

8am – store luggage at hotel - \$ 5 cash for breakfast on the street  
9am – Subway to Highline – walk the highline  
11am – Hop on/off bus NYC / Alt Katz Deli and Tenement Bookstore/Neighborhood  
5pm – Meet at T Square – Subway to Astoria Subway stop – bus to LGA  
8pm – flight departs LGA – \$10 cash for dinner at the airport  
1015pm – flight arrives Detroit – bus to North Muskegon High School  
1:30am – arrive at North Muskegon High School



# ALL MS/HS ORCHESTRA PARENTS,

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO MRS. CORBIN by MONDAY, September 12

OR fill out the [online version](#) on our website!

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra: MS / HS Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, we have received (and read) the Norse Orchestra Newsletter, and we will reserve the important dates in our family calendar.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my student plans to perform at the Michigan Irish Music Festival on **Sunday, Sept 18th, 2016 3:00**

**T-shirt size (for green Fiddlers T-shirt):** Youth S Youth M Youth L Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL

I'd like to help with...

\_\_\_\_ HS Uniform measuring, sorting, labeling, and storage

\_\_\_\_ Selling t-shirts and merchandise at The Moxie Strings Concert Sept. 14th (and/or for other concerts!)

\_\_\_\_ Concessions at sporting events

\_\_\_\_ Music Boosters Meetings

\_\_\_\_ Concert Refreshments

\_\_\_\_ Helping to coordinate fundraisers

\_\_\_\_ Christmas tree decorating in Walker park for Circle of Trees (Dec. 4)

\_\_\_\_ Hosting or planning an Orchestra Awards Dinner Party (Holiday / Spring )

\_\_\_\_ Helping with parade decorations & logistics

\_\_\_\_ Helping with concert decorations

\_\_\_\_ Sending treats/snacks for in-class (post-concert or holiday) celebrations

\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or comments for Mrs. Corbin? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name(s) (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Middle & High School Blue Polos

All Middle School and High School students need a blue polo for our Orchestra Uniform for concerts/festivals/ or other performances..

Blue polos are 17.00 to purchase or \$5.00 to rent per year. If damaged or excessively faded full amount will be charged for damaged returned rentals.

I choose to (circle): RENT or PURCHASE Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ 5 or \$17

Circle: Cash or Check# \_\_\_\_\_ (checks to NMPS)

## High School Concert Attire Check-out Form

I have read and understand the criteria for use and care of the concert attire for my child and agree to abide by the decisions made by the Music Boosters committee should it become necessary to replace concert attire distributed to my child.

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Tux usage fee - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Girl skirt usage fee - \$5.00

\_\_\_\_\_ New Boy shirt - \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ New Girl shirt (to keep) - \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Tux Used shirt usage fee- \$10.00

Circle: Cash or Check# \_\_\_\_\_ (checks to NMPS)

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_