

Parent Volunteers Needed! Sign up [here](#)

Parent Letter, Signature required by January 10, 2025 Today's date: December 6, 2024

Dear Orchestra Students and Parents:

One of the biggest events of the orchestra year is coming! The **Millard Public Schools Orchestra Festival** is set for **Monday, January 27!** The clinic is an annual event in which we combine orchestras from the three Millard high schools and six Millard middle schools, for one mass concert. This year, we'll welcome string players in grades 5-7 to join us on our finale piece, An Ode to Joy Festival! Please note the information below:

WHO: All High School and 8th Grade MPS Orchestra students (plus 5-7 grade orchestra students)

WHAT: All-Millard Orchestra Festival

WHEN: Monday, January 27– 10th-12th Grades 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM rehearsal at Baxter Arena
Monday, January 27 – 8th and 9th Grades 11:45 AM - 2:05 PM rehearsal at Baxter Arena
Everyone -7:00 PM performance at Baxter Arena. **(Arrive by 6:30 p.m.)**

WHERE: Baxter Arena, 2425 S. 67 St, Omaha. Enter through the front doors.

WHY: The purpose of this festival is for students to collaborate with other schools and guest conductors, in large ensembles for an enriching, quality public performance.

BRING: Music stand (with name on top and bottom), instrument (with rock stop, etc.) and music.

WHAT TO WEAR: Rehearsal- Good looking school clothes.

School Orchestra t-shirts. ☺ **Evening performance** -Wear your formal concert attire.

TRANSPORTATION: Students will travel by bus for daytime rehearsals.

Morning High School buses depart from their home school by 8:30 AM, which means students will need to **arrive at school by 8:00 a.m.** Please note: Monday classes do not start until 8:45 a.m. Make arrangements to arrive early. (Students will return to school around 1 PM)

Afternoon -8th grade and 9th grade buses depart from your home schools by 11:15 AM.

Students will return to school around 2:30 PM.

Evening transportation is not provided by school.

ADMISSION: There is a fee for admission to this incredible event - \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. Performers do not need to purchase tickets for themselves. Tickets may be purchased at the door with cash or credit/debit card, bought online through [this link](#), or by calling the Baxter Arena box office at 402-554-6287. **Their Box Office hours are M-W, noon - 5pm & Thu-F, 10am - 5pm.**

Absence from School:

Please think ahead regarding tests or homework missed. Your Orchestra teachers will tell building staff members that students will be gone, but *students should also mention this* a few days in advance.

All Millard Orchestra Festival is a required clinic and performance. The only excused absence exceptions are illness or family emergency. In either case, your teacher will need a note, phone call, or email from a parent and a make-up assignment will be required. If a student misses the festival for reasons other than those listed above, then the student will forfeit the points for the activity, thus failing the assignment. We count on each other for an amazing experience.

So, here we go, with a terrific MPS Orchestra Festival planned. I appreciate your attention to these directions. Please ask questions or share concerns.

Sincerely,
Your Orchestra Teacher

Please sign and return [this Google Form](#) by January 10, 2025
