



Winston Churchill High School, 12049 Blanco Rd. San Antonio, Texas 78216

MEMO TO: Parents & Students

FROM: Jason N. Thibodeaux, Summer Orchestra Workshop Coordinator

RE: 2016 Summer Orchestra Workshop

DATE: June 1, 2016

Thank you for your registration for the 2015 Summer Orchestra Workshop. The workshop will take place at **Eisenhower Middle School, 8231 Blanco Road**, from Monday, August 1st through Friday, August 5th. Student check in will be in the Orchestra Room.

The hours of the workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday. It is very important that you make arrangements to pick your child up at 11:30 each day. Directors will not remain past 11:45 a.m.

Our workshop concert will take place on Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. This is the culmination of student's hard work and effort for the week, so it is very important that all workshop members attend. Family and friends are welcome to come to this concert as well. Camp members will receive their T-shirts at Thursday's rehearsal and should wear the shirt with jeans for the concert that evening.

The final activity for the workshop will be the trip to Fiesta Texas on Friday, August 5th. ***Students need to be in attendance at the concert in order to participate in our Fiesta Texas activity.***

There are three different orchestras at the workshop: Sinfonia Orchestra (primarily for students with limited orchestral experience – mainly students who will be going into the 6th grade); Concert Orchestra (made up of students with one or two years of experience); Chamber Orchestra (for 8th and 9th graders demonstrating more advanced technical skills). We will assess student needs the first morning and make any necessary adjustments with the personnel for each orchestra.

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VERY IMPORTANT! Because of the time frame for this camp, we will need to have a commitment for our trip to Fiesta Texas on the **first day of the workshop**. Please read over the Splashtown info included with this letter and return it with your child on the first day, August 1st. Fiesta Texas admission is included in the workshop fee for every student.

Your child will need to bring their instrument and a pencil to the workshop each day. Music and music folders will be supplied by the directors. Students will not need to bring their music stands. Please make sure instruments are in good condition, as we are unable to provide replacements for broken strings. We are also unable to provide any instruments for the workshop, so if you are renting an instrument, please make all necessary arrangements to have one for your child to use.

Students may bring snacks for break-time. Eisenhower Orchestra will sell chips, candy, cookies and soda. Food will not be allowed in any of the rehearsal rooms.

Because we are finished with the school year, if you need to contact me, it would be best if you e-mailed at jthibo@neisd.net.

We're looking forward to a great workshop!

Thank you.

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