

Dear parents and students,

In an effort to continue to strengthen the music-making community between the Newburyport Middle and High Schools and to provide students' exposure to professional-level performance and repertoire, we are organizing a field trip for the 8th Grade Concert Bands to join the Newburyport High School Band in attending an open rehearsal of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

This field trip will be held on **Thursday October 3rd**. The 8th grade band members will meet in the Nock band room at 8:00, load the bus at 8:15, pick up Band students at NHS and ride to Symphony Hall in Boston. We will return by 2:00 for school dismissal, possibly earlier. The per student cost is \$30 which will cover admission to the rehearsal and bus transportation to and from Symphony Hall. Families may pay in cash or checks made payable to NHS Band. As it is the mission of the Nock Middle School to ensure every student has the opportunity to attend field trips please do not hesitate to contact the Director if there are any financial constraints.

Items To Bring:

-**Concert appropriate attire**; Pants (please avoid jeans) and a button-up collared shirt. Ties/jackets are encouraged but optional. Students will not be permitted on trip if Director deems their clothing inappropriate for a professional orchestral setting

-**Bag Lunch**; we will not be stopping at any eateries so students must provide their own food. While students can also bring a snack if they wish, we will not be having lunch until after the rehearsal is complete, approximately 12:00.

-Please know that students **will not be allowed to bring** cell phones or any electronic devices into the Concert Hall. They will remain safely locked on the bus for the duration of our trip.

To allow your child to participate please complete and return the permission form at the bottom of this notice and attach payment. As students are leaving school grounds, this slip must be received in order to attend.

Please contact me with any questions and I thank you for your continued support!

-Brian Nickerson, *music director*

*******NOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP FORM*******

In completing and submitting this form, students and parents acknowledge that while on this field trip all behavior policies upheld while on Nock School grounds remain applicable.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

_____ Yes, my child will attend the field trip to Symphony Hall on October 3rd

(cash or check payable to NHS Band is attached)

_____ No, my child will not be attending

Parent signature _____

Parent contact number: _____