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# Neshaminy School District

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Poquessing Middle School • 300 Heights Lane • Feasterville, PA 19053

Orchestra Students, Parents and Guardians,

August 2019

Welcome back to another school year! I cannot wait to get started and continue making music with your talented students! If you are receiving this letter that means your child is invited to be in the 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grade Poquessing String Orchestra. You will receive a “Back to Music” packet soon (if you haven’t already) that has a more detailed description of our music program and expectations throughout the school year. For now, please see below for some key details about being in the orchestra:

- Welcome back to our wonderful Assistant Orchestra Director, Miss Agger!
- **Morning rehearsals and lessons will begin on Monday September 16.** If your child does not have an instrument that is okay, they should still attend this first rehearsal! Rehearsals are mandatory for all members of the orchestra, this is our only chance to put together the music being taught in the weekly lessons. Carpooling is encouraged!!
- Rehearsals are every Monday morning in the auditorium from 7:00 AM until 7:45 AM. **The auditorium door is propped open from 6:40 AM until 6:55 AM for student entrance. For safety purposes, the door will be closed and locked promptly at 6:55 AM.** This door policy applies to all musical ensembles throughout the week.
- Every student will be assigned a lesson group and lessons will always be held on Mondays. The weekly schedule rotates so students do not miss the same class every week.
- All students in the 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra are invited to come on the Dorney Park Adjudication Trip in May. Information about the trip will be distributed shortly and there are plenty of opportunities for fundraising throughout the school year to offset the cost.
- There is a “Back to Music” parent night scheduled for Wednesday September 25 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. We will go over all of the opportunities available to your student in the music department.

More information and a list of concert dates will be provided at the first rehearsal. Please feel free to e-mail me at any time if you have any questions or concerns at all. I’m thrilled that the orchestra program has grown so much and I can’t wait to see what this year brings for us! Thanks for your support of our music program here at Poquessing.

Sincerely,

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