

Boston Symphony Orchestra High School Open Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20th, 2014

Dear MHS Orchestra, Band, and Chorus Parents,

On Thursday, November 20th, the MHS Orchestra, Band, and Chorus will be taking a field trip to attend the **Boston Symphony Orchestra - High School Open Rehearsal** at Symphony Hall. This experience is a rehearsal for the BSO's regularly scheduled concert that week. We will be able to observe the rehearsal process of a professional orchestra, as well as hear a pre-rehearsal talk by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who will be performing with the BSO at the rehearsal. Students attending will be chaperoned by parents and teachers. Please indicate below if you are interested in chaperoning (first come, first serve basis). **Payment is due in the form of cash or check no later than Friday, October 31st, 2014.**

- **Departure Time:** Bus leaves from the MHS front parking lot at 7:45am
- **Pre-concert talk:** Begins at 9:30am - Symphony Hall in Boston, MA
- **Rehearsal:** Begins at 10:30am - Symphony Hall in Boston, MA
- **Return:** Students will return to MHS around 2:00pm
- **Dress Code:**
 - Boys - dress pants and button down shirt
 - Girls - dress pants or skirt and blouse or dress
- **Cost:** \$20 per student, which includes talk, performance, and transportation
- **Lunch:** Students should bring a bagged lunch to eat after the performance

I hope your child can join us for this exciting concert and wonderful musical experience!

Sincerely,

Luke Miller
Orchestra Director

Please return this section to Mr. Miller with **cash or check for \$20 payable to "MELROSE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA"** by Friday, October 31st, 2014.

Student Name _____ has my permission to attend the BSO High School Open Rehearsal at Symphony Hall on **Thursday, November 20th, 2014**. I understand that my child will leave from MHS at 7:45am and return at approximately 2:00pm.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Indicate here if you are interested in chaperoning: _____

Payment included (check one):

Cash _____ Check _____

MELROSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Field Trip
Parental Consent and Release from Liability Form

Your child's teacher has volunteered to organize a school-sponsored field trip. Participation in this field trip is voluntary, but you must give permission before your child can go. If you do not give permission, your child will remain at school for the regular day and continue academic work there. This field trip is not essential, and your child's grade will not be affected by participation in this trip. This trip is offered as enrichment.

Your child's teacher may provide additional details such as clothing requirements, lunch provisions, and other details in an accompanying correspondence to you. Please read this information carefully. Your child will be supervised by teachers and/or parent chaperones. It is possible that your child may face more risks by participating in this field trip than if your child stayed at school. We cannot enumerate every risk, but we believe that you are generally familiar with this activity and your child, and are in the best position to decide whether your child should participate. The Melrose Public Schools School Committee, Superintendent, and Principal have approved this field trip, but we cannot and do not guarantee that there will be no injuries or damages as a result of this field trip.

This is a legal document and you are free to obtain a lawyer's advice before signing it. You may not, however, change the language of this form, and any additions or deletions you make to this permission and release have no effect.

By signing this form, we/I, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby consent to his/her participation in a voluntary field trip to BSO High School Open Rehearsal from (dates) 11/20/14 to 11/20/14 and do forever RELEASE, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless and not to sue the City of Melrose, the Melrose School Committee and their successors, departments, officers, employees, representatives and agents, including all field trip volunteers and chaperones, from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, loss of services, costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and compensation on account of, or in any way growing out of, directly and indirectly, all known and unknown personal injuries or property damage that we/I may now or hereafter have as parent(s)/guardian(s) of said minor, and also all claims or right of action for damages that said minor has or hereafter may acquire, either before or after he/she has reached his/her majority resulting or to result from his/her participation in this field trip.

Furthermore, we/I hereby agree to INDEMNIFY, hold harmless, protect, reimburse and make good to the City of Melrose, the Melrose School Committee and their successors, departments, officers, employees, representatives and agents from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, loss of services, costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and compensation arising from said minor's intentional, grossly negligent or reckless acts or omissions while participating in said field trip.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print) _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Home Address _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone No. _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade/Homeroom _____
(A copy of the birth certificate may be required)

Health Insurance Carrier _____

Phone Number _____ Policy Number _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:

1. _____
Name Telephone No. Relationship

2. _____
Name Telephone No. Relationship

3. _____
Name Telephone No. Relationship

FIELD TRIP CANCELLATION RELEASE AGREEMENT

1. The School Committee reserves the right to cancel any school-sponsored field trip up to the time of departure and to recall any field trip in progress, whenever, in the Superintendent's judgment, a change in circumstances, whether man-made or natural, warrants such action in the interests of the safety of students and other participants or for any other appropriate reason.
2. If a trip is cancelled, the Superintendent will endeavor to make the decision at the earliest date possible.
3. If a trip is cancelled, the school district will make an effort to obtain a refund of monies paid by students and parents/guardians; however, such refund is not guaranteed. Parents/guardians may lose all or any portion of the funds that they have expended in connection with the trip.
4. It is strongly suggested that all participants purchase comprehensive trip insurance as warranted.

We/I affirm that we/I have read the above Field Trip Cancellation Release Agreement and understand that the Superintendent has the right to cancel or to recall a school-sponsored field trip. We/I understand and acknowledge that, in the event of such action, we/I may lose all or any portion of the funds that we/I have expended in connection with the trip.

We/I agree to release and covenant to hold harmless and not to sue the City of Melrose, the Melrose School Committee and their successors, departments, officers, employees, servants, and agents for any loss of funds or any other damages resulting from the cancellation or recall of any school-sponsored field trip.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____