



Rolling Meadows Orchestras  
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November 1, 2016

Dear Symphony Orchestra Parents & Students,

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, the Rolling Meadows Symphony Orchestra will travel to the McCormick Place to participate The Midwest Clinic International Band & Orchestra Conference. Selected to be the rehearsal lab orchestra, we are grateful and humbled at the opportunity to perform at this prestigious event.

The plan is to leave RMHS in the morning of December 15 and return in the early evening. While at the conference, students will get to hear performances from other national & international groups, attend workshops, visit college/music school booths, and get free merchandise from vendors.

**There is no cost for the trip!** Students may bring some money if they wish to purchase items from music vendors at the conference but it is not necessary.

If you are interested in chaperoning for this event, I need to know as soon as possible. We have a limited amount of space available and the district requires that we have chaperones in place in advance (and approved by the district). It will be a great day full of fantastic music. Please contact me via email or give me a call.

I have included an itinerary/summary info sheet and a permission slip with this letter. Students need to return the attached permission slip by Thursday, December 1. Though this event will also be outside of school hours, it is expected that all students will participate in this awesome experience. If there is an excused conflict as stated in the *Orchestra Handbook*, please contact me as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin Carroll  
Director of Orchestras

Enclosures (3): Itinerary/Info Sheet (2), Permission Slip (1)

Midwest Clinic Packet  
October 20, 2016



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Rolling Meadows High School Symphony Orchestra  
The Midwest Clinic 2016  
December 15, 2016

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

- 7:15 a.m. – Meet in orchestra room to retrieve formal wear.
- 7:30 a.m. – Load bus
- 7:45 a.m. – Depart from RMHS for McCormick Place/The Midwest Clinic
- 9:15 a.m. – Arrive at McCormick Place & Check in. Explore the convention, listen to performances, go to clinics.
- 12:00 p.m. – Load bus and depart for lunch.
- 12:30 p.m. – Arrive at Connie's Pizza/Eat lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – End lunch/Load bus/travel to McCormick Place
- 2:00 p.m. – Return to McCormick Place/Change into tuxedos & dresses
- 2:30 p.m. – Warm-up in Room W184
- 3:00 p.m. – Rehearsal lab Performance in Room W184**
- 4:00 p.m. – Performance ends/take group picture/pack up instruments/change out of tuxes & dresses
- 4:30 p.m. – Load buses & return to RMHS
- 6:00 p.m. – Arrive at RMHS and put back instruments, tuxedos, and dresses.

**\*\*Please note that we will be traveling during morning and evening rush hour traffic so travel times are an approximation.**



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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ATTENDING: 41 students, 11 chaperones (mix of staff & parents), 1 bus driver

#### **COST:**

FREE conference registration. Students should probably bring spending money should they wish to purchase items, equipment, or music at the convention.

#### **PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:**

School Tuxedos & Dresses, black shoes, black socks (men)

#### **TRAVEL ATTIRE:**

"Business casual" or better. Look nice. Jeans are okay. No yoga pants, sweat pants, gym shoes, ratty jeans, etc. Suggestion: wear Orchestra Polo Shirts

#### **MEALS:**

Thursday lunch – Connie's Pizza, 2373 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL. Lunch provided for by the RMHS Orchestras. No cost to the students

#### **TRANSPORTATION (1 bus):**

Olson Transportation/Midwest Motorcoach  
PO Box 514  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
(847) 336-0720

Field Trip Parent Permission Form

Course/Program: **Symphony Orchestra**

Sponsor: **Kevin Carroll**

give \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ (LAST NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ (STUDENT ID NUMBER)

permission to participate in a school sponsored field trip to **Midwest Clinic**

on **12/15/2016** with his/her class and teacher(s) during class periods **5,6,7,8**

or from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

arrangements will be made by the sponsoring teacher at the approximate cost of \_\_\_\_\_ per student.

Please note below any special medical concerns that the sponsor needs to be aware of.

If your child has any special medical needs, please inform the sponsor prior to the date of the field trip.

In case of emergency, I can be reached on the field trip day at the following phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional emergency contact names and phone numbers:

NAME	PHONE NO.
NAME	PHONE NO.
NAME	PHONE NO.

I approve of my child using alternative transportation to participate in this field trip (Initial in box if you approve).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**TEACHER NOTIFICATION**

The student is responsible for meeting with each of his/her teachers to discuss the material being covered on the day of the field trip. The teacher's initials indicate that this discussion has taken place. If the teacher believes the student should not attend the field trip, please state the reason in the "Teacher Comments" section or contact the trip sponsor with further concerns. (Note: Comments may not necessarily prohibit a student from participating.)

PERIOD	CLASS	TEACHER'S INITIALS	TEACHER COMMENTS
0/ADV.			
1			
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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE SPONSORING TEACHER BY: \_\_\_\_\_