**What is All-West?**
The All-West convention is hosted by the West Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association (WTSBOA) at the Cannon Center in downtown Memphis.  Each year, musicians from all across West Tennessee audition for the chance to be included in the All-West ensembles.  Not only is the audition itself an awesome experience, but making the All-West Orchestra is an accomplishment your student will bask in for years to come!

I highly encourage 7th and 8th grade students to take advantage of this audition opportunity.  Auditioning for any ensemble is a valuable learning experience, regardless of the outcome.  The more experience each student has auditioning, the more comfortable they will be auditioning.  ***We don't audition to make the group, we audition for the experience.***  Getting chosen for the All-West ensemble is the icing on the cake and a huge honor!

I am available to help any orchestra student before school beginning at 8:15am, and after school until 4:15pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.  Please give me 24 hours notice if your student intends to come early or stay late for additional help. All-West is above and beyond what I expect of an AMS orchestra student and not a requirement by any means, but I would be thrilled if every student decided to take part in this valuable learning opportunity. **Since this is not an AMS sponsored activity, transportation to and from the audition will be up to the individual.**

 ***Where: Briarcrest Christian High School***

Cost of this audition experience is $10. Please make checks payable to AMS and return payments to school in an envelope with your student’s name on the front.

***When: November 18th, times TBA***

Please sign below and return with your payment no later than September 22nd

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**Parent**: By signing, you agree to have your student at Briarcrest HS in time for their audition on November 18th. Times will be released 2 weeks prior to audition day.

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student**: Signing below is a commitment to attend this audition. You agree to work on the All-West music on your own time, and ask your private instructor or Mrs. Price for help as needed. *Mrs. Price must hear each student play at least 2 times before their audition on November 18th.*

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**