## PCS Orchestra 2015

Audition/Interview for New Members Notice
Thursday 5:45-7pm Orchestra with Ms. Ochs, Conductor

In order to ensure that your Child's playing ability is suited to this orchestra, please have your Child sign up for a short playing interview to be held on Tuesday, September 22. Playing interviews will take place from 3:20 – 4:20 pm.

Sign up: please see Mrs. Schnurman to schedule your time on a sign-up sheet the first week of school. Please make sure students bring instruments to school!

Any student who needs more experience playing in an ensemble will be offered a spot in the PCS Preparatory Orchestra, conductor Mrs. Nahan.

What is needed: students should be ready to play 1-2 major scales and his or her most recent selection worked on with a private teacher (it does not need to be long, just polished as best as possible).

Fill out: New Student Information. Bring this to Mrs. Nahan the first week of school.

Please Note: this audition is to better access a student's playing level. We want to make sure that all students are matched with the most appropriate level of ensemble. Every effort is made to accommodate diverse playing levels in Ms. Ochs's group, yet there are certain limits based on the requirements of the music played. Families will be notified of the results as soon as possible, though it may take a few days

Questions: please contact Ms. Ruth Ochs at <u>rochs@princeton.edu</u> or Mrs. Nahan at <u>jnahan@princetoncharter.org</u>

General guidelines for students who wish to be in Ms. Ochs's orchestra:

- · Students should have two years of experience playing an instrument
- · Students should be comfortable reading music
- · Student must continue private lessons
- The orchestra is a full-year commitment with several concert performances, including the January and May PCS concerts, Richardson Auditorium (March 2016), and PCS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation in June
- First rehearsal of the orchestra will be September 24 at 5:45pm. It will conclude with a parent meeting