

January 12, 2012

Dear Honor Choir Student, Parent, and Chaperoning Teacher:

Thank you for working with your honor choir singers to make the 2012 honor choir experience an exceptional one. Our guest conductors, Alyssa Gangarosa for the elementary choir, and Sue Finger for the middle school choir, are anxious to meet with and work with your children. If you are able to attend some of the rehearsals, it will be a real treat listening to the wonderful singers and seeing these two great conductors in action.

ELEMENTARY SINGERS SHOULD REGISTER AT THE CALHOUN BALLROOM A/B IN THE GRAND WAYNE CENTER UPON ARRIVAL.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SINGERS SHOULD REGISTER AT THE LEGACY BALLROOM AT THE COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT HOTEL UPON ARRIVAL.

Some parents may be in need of directions to the hotels. Please use these names and addresses when using your GPS or MapQuest searches:

Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center
1020 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Courtyard Fort Wayne Downtown at Grand Wayne Convention Center
1150 South Harrison Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Attached is a list of all **teachers and parents** who have been assigned a student group to supervise for the night. **Please remember there is a chaperone meeting at approximately 6:15 P.M.** outside the rehearsal rooms for ALL overnight chaperones, including parents staying only with their child. Thank you again to all who volunteered. If you volunteered to chaperone, but have not been assigned a room, do not be concerned as we had ample chaperones.

Students/parents should review the information they first received about their luggage and what to bring (or not!) to the convention. Please travel lightly and pack your child's travel bag in such a manner that ALL of his/her belongings can be secured in one, easily carried bag, clearly marked with your child's name and school. Do not forget to pack personal toiletries

PERFORMANCE DRESS

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS will wear the **Circle the State with Song t-shirt** (you will receive on Thursday evening,) **white socks, blue jeans, and white athletic shoes.** The students will be required to tuck in their shirts and not be permitted to wear another shirt underneath their honor choir shirt (other than a tank top.) The girls may not tie their shirts in back.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS will wear the **Circle the State with Song t-shirt** (you will receive on Thursday evening,) **KHAKI PANTS (no jeans!!!), white socks, and white athletic shoes.** The students will be required to tuck in their shirts and not be permitted to wear another shirt underneath their honor choir shirt (other than a tank top.) The girls may not tie their shirts in back.

Singers will need to bring comfortable clothes for rehearsal on Thursday. We will not have time to repack personal drinking bottles, etc. at the end of Friday's rehearsal. Please bring a **disposable/refillable water bottle**, labeled with the singer's name for use during rehearsals. It is not necessary to bring personal money or other valuables which could possibly come up missing. **Don't forget to bring your music and a pencil for possible notes from your directors during rehearsal.**

We realize that many students now have cell phones. However, they need to understand that using them (including texting) during rehearsal **will not be tolerated**. The conductors only have a few hours to pull a 140-voice choir together and singers need to have their total concentration on the director and the music. They also need to realize that they alone are responsible for their phones and their care. We will be asking all students to have their **cell phones turned off** during rehearsal times. Students choosing to risk causing a disruption will be asked to turn over their cell phones to an adult supervisor for the duration of the rehearsal. The phones will be returned to the students at the end of rehearsal, should this be the case. Repeat offenders, however, may be asked to leave the rehearsal, and cell phones kept until the conclusion of the concert on Friday.

We look forward to everyone's arrival at either the Grand Wayne Center or the Courtyard by Marriott. We know you will find this experience musically and personally rewarding.

Sincerely,

Tina Dolbeare, IMEA CSWS/Honor Choir State Chair

Judy Becker, IMEA CSWS/Honor Choir Middle School Assistant

Alicia Rankin, IMEA CSWS/Honor Choir Elementary Assistant

LAST MINUTE REQUEST FROM THE ELEMENTARY CONDUCTOR: The students should be familiar with the choreography described in "Swinging on a Star." The directions are at the back of the music. Suggestion: have them number the measures to better follow the directions. ("Swinging on a Star" is the piece that is part of the CSWS Repertoire and was to have been provided by your child's music teacher.)

CHAPERONE LIST

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| Allison Secaur (teacher) | John Doty (teacher) | Mr. or Mrs. Martin (Jobeth's parents) |
| Ann Bender | Judy Riggle | Mr. or Mrs. Perry |
| Brian and Lisa Miller | Judy Ward (teacher) | Mr. or Mrs. Pitzer |
| Caryn Howell | Katherine Gorr (teacher) | Mr. or Mrs. Robbins |
| Catharine Scott-Moncrieff | Katherine or George Gregorash | Natalie Franks (teacher) |
| Cecil Shoemaker (teacher) | Kelsie Gentis | Oldhams |
| Chris Swingle | Kerri Allen | Pam Brelage |
| Christine Way (teacher) | Kristin Synder (teacher) | Patsy Sherer (teacher) |

Christine Wendel (teacher)
Deb Leer (teacher)
Fannie Schlabach
Gail Bratton (teacher)
Gonzales (Mr. or Mrs)
Hoffmans
Janell Baker (teacher)
January Woodard
Jeanette Quin (teacher)

Lauren MacLean
Maria Sellers (teacher)
Marilyn Lankford (teacher)
Mary Ann Fritz (teacher)
Mary Pickens
Monica Doty (teacher)
Mr. or Mrs. Rodriguez
Mr. or Mrs. Davis
Mr. or Mrs. Jones (Caitlyn's
parents)
Mr. or Mrs. Martin (Emily's parents)

Renee Beatty
Sandra Freund
Sharon Cediel
Sharon Ford (teacher)
Sue Caudill (teacher)
Sue Lough (teacher)
Susan Keefer (teacher)
Tina Smith
Trinity Lease