

Dear Choir Parents,

Jan. 16, 2017

What a fantastic year we have had so far. The kids are really starting to grow vocally (and physically!). This nine weeks, we are preparing our choirs for ISSMA Choir Competition. On March 17th we will be traveling over to Goshen Middle School to sing for 3 judges. Each choir will be judged on their musicality, vocal tone, and blend. The judges listen carefully for every nuance written in our score to see if the choir is making the most of the music and is singing with proper vocal production. Choirs that receive a first place will receive a Gold Plaque for our school. We realllllllllly like the Gold ones! ☺

Because choir competition is so very important to assessing the growth each class is making, ISSMA Contest is listed as one of the two final mandatory performances on the NMS Choir Calendar. If your child is unable to attend contest for a non-school related activity, we ask that they take a different course this 9 weeks. It is important that we work with just the students who are competing at ISSMA otherwise blend and balance are thrown off and this could put the choir in jeopardy. These students can then join choir for the last 9 weeks and be a part of the Last Blast Concert in May. If you see a conflict, please let us know yet this week so that we can make the switch in courses for them. Deadline for that **is this coming Friday**. Examples of non school activities: Sports unrelated to NMS, Cheer or Dance Competitions, watching older siblings in Show Choir State Competition etc. Examples of school related activities: Basketball games, Science Olympiad, NMS Swimming competitions.

On a final note, this semester we will need volunteers again to pitch in with: treats/water, locker decorations, chaperoning, ushering, box office, etc. Would you please take a few minutes to **go to the choir website, select the Sign Up Genius tab, and pick the ways you can lend a hand in the months ahead**? As you witnessed last semester it takes a lot of parents to make things run smoothly for the kids. There are many ways to help, hopefully you can find one or two on the sign up that fit with your schedule.

We would like to be sure this makes it home to you so please sign below and return this slip by Friday. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sincerely, Mrs. Armington and Mr. Norwood

Parent Signature _____

Email address: _____ or phone number _____

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Please mark either A, B, or C below.



A. _____ I have gone to sign up genius and have signed up to help this semester!

B. It is most helpful to us, if you can sign up online without us, but if you are unable to sign up online please mark below.

_____ I am unable to sign up online but here are the areas I would like to help out this semester:

Chaperone for Concert _____ Chaperone for Dress Rehearsal _____ Dinner Crew _____

ISSMA Bus Chaperone _____ Treats _____ Water _____

Box Office _____ Locker Decorations _____ \$ for Dinner Donations _____

Phone Mom _____ Concert Clean up Crew _____ Usher _____

(We will sign you up on sign up genius, and send you an email letting you know what you were given).

C. _____ I am unable to sign up at this time.

All choir students should turn this slip in by Friday, January 19th.