

ISSMA Choir Contest 2024

Dear Choir Parent,

2/22/24



Our big competition is only a few weeks away! Saturday, March 16th our students will be meeting at NMS and taking buses over to Penn High School for ISSMA Contest 2024. Our choirs will be performing 3 competition pieces for 3 judges and rated on their note and rhythm accuracy, tone quality, blend, dynamic contrasts, breath control, phrasing, and overall musicianship. It is so exciting to watch them as they have really worked to perfect their music in hopes of being the best choir in their division.

Contest is an exciting time for our students to show their very best and be rated among all of the other area choirs. We obviously will be competing for Gold and would love for our kids to achieve the “With Distinction” Award. That requires a perfect score or one point from perfect given by each of the judges.

Here are a few details that will help you plan ahead.

- We will wear our black and white concert attire. Ties will be handed out at PHS.
- All students must travel over together on the bus. If parents wish to bring their child **home** after ISSMA, students will need to turn in a handwritten note to the chaperone as they board the bus on Saturday. Please do not wait until after they sing, it makes things confusing for our chaperones. They must know where each child is before the buses can return to NMS.
- Students will board their assigned bus in the **NMS front teacher’s parking lot.** The buses will drop them off in the same parking lot after our performances.
- Below you will find the list of times for departure, arrival, performance, and return to NMS.
- Please be on time to pick up your son/daughter. We will not have access to the building and chaperones will not be able to leave until your child is picked up.
- This is a free show open to the public. **Warning:** if you are late you won’t get in the door.

| Grade | Board Bus | Bus Leaves NMS | Warm-up | Performance | Bus leaves PHS | Arrives back to NMS |
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| 6 – | 7:55 A.M. | 8:05 | 9:10 | 9:30 | 10:05 | 10:50 A.M. |
| 7 – | 8:40 A.M. | 8:50 | 9:55 | 10:15 | 10:50 | 11:35 A.M. |
| 8 – | 9:25 A.M. | 9:35 | 10:40 | 11:00 | 11:35 | 12:20 P.M. |

Chaperones will receive specific instructions by 3/14th. They will ride buses to PHS and return with the kids. They will be taking attendance on the bus and following us throughout the warmup and performance route! These are the chaperones for this competition:

6th grade: Brittany Muir, Joeleanna Pontius, Michelle Ponciroli, Rachel Fletcher

7th Grade: Stacey Garten _____

8th Grade: _____

WE WILL NEED SOMEONE TO VIDEO TAPE FOR US FOR EACH GRADE. WE WOULD LIKE THE SHOW BEFORE US AND OUR SHOW TAPED FOR COMPARISON. WE WILL BRING THE CAMERA AND GIVE IT TO YOU AT THE PERFORMANCE. 6th _____ 7th _____ 8th _____ Please send an email if you are willing to videotape your child’s grade or tell your child.

Photographers for ISSMA will be taking pictures during the warm up time, and throughout their performance.

Grade 6: Jessica Runions

Grade 7: Amber Byers

Grade 8: _____

Locker Decorations:

6th: Carletta Ellison, p 5, and Mary Tapp (Mason Sharp's mom)

7th: Kimberly Reed (period 2), _____ (period 1)

8th: Abigail Drake (period 7), _____ (period 6)

Phone moms: 6th Amber Byers, 7th Erica Bailey, 8th Chris Jessup

Phone moms for Mon. treats: 6th Christy Northam, 7th _____, 8th _____

Phone mom's will receive call information by March 4th.

If you are able to fill in any of the blanks listed above would you please send Mrs. Armington an email or tell your child? Anytime you move 300 middle school students back and forth it helps to have as many adults as we can!

Sincerely, Mrs Armington and Mr. Norwood armingtonj@mcsin-k12.org/norwoodc@mcsin-k12.org

