

Dear Choir Parents,

Jan. 8, 2019

What a fantastic year we have had so far. The kids are really starting to grow vocally (and physically!). This coming nine weeks, we are preparing our choirs for ISSMA Choir Competition. On March 16<sup>th</sup> we will be traveling over to Goshen Middle School to sing for 3 judges. Each choir will receive points for 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 realllllllly like the Gold ones! ☺ Because choir competition is so very important to assessing the growth each class is making, ISSMA Contest has been 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 Expressive course this 9 weeks. It is important that we prepare each choir for their competition with only the students who are competing at ISSMA. Students who have conflicts may 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 to request a schedule change is this coming Friday.** Examples of non-school activities: Sports unrelated to NMS, Cheer or Dance Competitions, NASA, watching older siblings in Show Choir State Competition etc., and family functions.

While checking your calendar, you may want to check the final dates for the year. Here is a list of the fun yet to come!

Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lock In for interested students only.
Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Show Choir Invitational for Knight Lights and interested students only.
May 8 Tech Rehearsal for Final Blast Specials only.
<b>May 9 Dress Rehearsal for Final Blast – All Choir students</b>
<b>May 11 Final Blast Concerts 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.</b>

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, (nmschoir.org) then select the Sign Up Genius tab, click on your child’s grade and then 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 the choirs out! 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

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**Please mark either A, B, or C below and complete the contact information.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ I have gone to sign up genius and have signed up to help this semester!
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Mom \_\_\_\_\_  
 ISSMA Bus Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ Treats \_\_\_\_\_ Water \_\_\_\_\_ Concert Clean up Crew \_\_\_\_\_  
 Box Office \_\_\_\_\_ Locker Decorations \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*(We will sign you up on sign up genius, and send you an email letting you know what position you were signed up for).

- C. \_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to sign up at this time.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **All choir students should turn this slip in by Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_