

Dear Choir Parents,

Jan. 7, 2020

What a fantastic year we have had so far (it's really easy to see with this "2020" vision...😊)! 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 21st 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 reallllllllly 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 Final 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.

Feb. 8 th ISSMA Solo and Ensemble – Registered solos and ensembles
Feb. 15 th Show Choir Invitational for Knight Lights and interested students only.
Mar. 21st ISSMA Choir Competition – All Choir Students
May 6 th Tech Rehearsal for Final Blast Specials only.
May 7th Dress Rehearsal for Final Blast – All Choir Students
May 9th Final Blast Concerts 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

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!

One final note, we still have several empty slots on sign up genius lists for each grade (locker decorations, chaperoning, ushering, photographer, 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 see if there may be a spot where 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, and we can't do it without you! 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 look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Armington and Mr. Norwood