

ISSMA Choir Contest 2023

Dear Choir Parent,

3/2/23

Our big competition is only a few weeks away! Saturday, March 18th our students will be meeting at NMS and taking buses over to Goshen Middle School for ISSMA Contest 2022. 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 GMS
- 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 GMS	Arrives back to NMS
6 –	2:45	2:55	3:25	3:45	4:10	4:35
7 –	1:50	2:00	2:30	2:50	3:15	3:45
8 –	3:30	3:40	4:10	4:30	5:00	5:25

Chaperones will receive specific instructions by 3/15th. They will ride buses to GMS 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: Rosalee Schrock, Kaylene Miller, Jessica Hernandez, Stacey Garten.

7th Grade: Esmeralda Gutierrez, _____, _____ (need two more chaperones), **8th Grade:** Marissa Lutton, Jill Frey, Ryan Wall

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

Grade 6: Carrie Norris, Amy Gilbert, Grade 7: need 1 _____ Grade 8: Need 1 _____

Locker Decorations: 6th: Tana Groves and Stacey Garten 7th: Erin Buczkowski and Trena Roth, 8th: Need 1 _____

If you are able to fill in any of the blanks listed above would you please send Mrs. Armington an email? Anytime you move 275 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