

Fellow Music Educators:

Once again the Missouri Choral Director's Association (MCDA) is sponsoring the Northwest District Junior High School Honor Choirs. The event will take place on **Saturday, November 18th at Platte County High School, Platte City, MO**. The day will start with registration at 8:00am. The **5/6<sup>th</sup> grade choir will perform at 3:00 pm, followed by the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade choir at 4:00pm**. The concert will be held in the performing arts center at Platte County High School. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible at the discretion of the director, and the **registration fee is \$7.50 per student**.

You don't want to miss this year as we have a fantastic duo of clinicians! Directing the 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade choir will be **Stephen Rew**, of Raymore-Peculiar High School and our 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade choir director will be **Jackson Thomas**, of the University of Central Missouri.

**Please select students based on their behavior and ability to sing their part independently.** For the 5/6 choir you may bring 4 students for each part (2-part music, a maximum of 8). For the 7/8 choir you may bring 3 students per Soprano and Alto and 3 students per Baritone/Bass and Tenor part (3-part music/SAB/SATB a maximum of 12). It would help if you would keep your groups as balanced as possible and **please teach the music to the students prior to the event**. Our directors need to be able to work with the students without having to teach the basic notes and rhythms. Students may dress casually during the day. For the concert, please have them dress appropriately (dresses, skirts/blouses/sweaters for the girls, dress slacks and shirts/sweaters for the boys, ties optional). You may choose to have your students wear their choir uniform or robe as well!

**In the coming weeks you will receive a Google Form to register your students.** I am currently working on logistics for lunch but the plan is to do something very similar to past years, giving you an opportunity to pre-order a lunch for your students and yourself for a reasonable cost (separate from their registration cost). If students do not wish to eat a boxed lunch, they are more than welcome to bring their own lunch. If you do not order a boxed lunch, be prepared to provide your own lunch. **As soon as I have information about lunch (what will be served, cost, etc.) I will send out the registration form so you can get your kids signed up.**

The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 28th**. If I do not receive your registration on or before this date, your students may not get to participate. You will receive a finalized schedule as we get closer to the event and the list of repertoire as soon as I have it from the clinicians. Don Koller from *Musician's Choice* has assured me that they will have the pieces stocked and ready to ship to you quickly so you can get working on music ASAP. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me. **If you are interested in helping as a sectional leader or sectional accompanist, please let me know.**

If you receive this letter but do not teach these ages, or if you know of a school and/or a director in your area that would be interested but did not receive an invitation, please share the information and/or have them contact me. I hope to see you in November!

Sincerely,

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