

December 1, 2009

Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your selection to participate in the 2010 Delaware All State Junior Chorus! Not only is it an honor that you should take great pride in, but it will be an experience that you will treasure. As always, any endeavor worthwhile requires commitment and sacrifice. Your very best manners are expected at all rehearsals. Please read the following information carefully to ensure a positive and enjoyable time for all participants. Additional information can be found on the DMEA website including T-Shirt order forms at www.delawaremea.org. **Please make sure T-Shirt order forms are sent directly to Champion Trophies—do not send in with registration fee.**

Any questions can be directed to Lauren Anderson at voicebylauren@yahoo.com

- ♫ The registration fee is \$60.00. Checks are to be made payable to DMEA. **Fees along with contract must be postmarked by December 15, 2009 to :**

Springer Middle School
Lauren Anderson
2220 Shipley Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

Parents, please check with your child's teacher to see if your school is going to assist with or pay for the registration.

- ♫ Please note: Failure to attend **any** rehearsal, tardiness and/or leaving prior to the dismissal of the conductor will result in your child's **DISMISSAL** from the All State Chorus. Proper behavior is expected from all students. Inappropriate behavior will also result in a dismissal from the group. We have a very limited time in which to prepare a substantial amount of music... every minute is precious.
- ♫ Students must be picked up promptly. Students left waiting more than 15 minutes are subject to dismissal.
- ♫ **County-wide** rehearsals will be held on **January 9, 2010** and **January 23, 2010** with January 30, 2010 being a weather contingency rehearsal. Music will be distributed to choristers by the first rehearsal.
New Castle County Site: P.S. DuPont Middle School, Wilmington
John Bell—Director
Sussex and Kent County Site: Millsboro Middle School
Stephanie Buchert—Director

Registration for county rehearsals will begin at 8:00 a.m. County rehearsals will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. All choristers are expected to be in their seats, ready to sing by 8:30 a.m. County rehearsal will end at 12:00 p.m.

♪ **State rehearsals** are on **February 4th and 5th at P.S. DuPont Middle School, Wilmington**. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. – rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00/4:15 p.m. (times subject to change). The contact person at P.S. DuPont Middle School is John Bell. Lunch will be provided: however, students may bring bagged lunches if they wish. F.Y.I. – students will not be marked absent for days at all state but they are responsible for all work that they miss!

♪ **Dress rehearsal** and **Concert** will be held on **Saturday February 6, 2010 at Dickinson High School, Wilmington**. The tentative schedule for that Saturday is:

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Run through

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Relax before performance

4:00 p.m. – Show Time!

♪ The concert will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Dickinson High School. Tickets will be sold in advance at the state rehearsals during lunch and at the door prior to the concert. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

♪ **Performance Attire:**

All female participants will be required to wear:

1. White collared buttoned blouse (midriff must be covered), with $\frac{3}{4}$ or long sleeves
2. If blouse has an unfinished edge OR is below the hips, blouse must be tucked in
3. a black skirt which covers the knees when seated, or black slacks which are full-cut and formal
4. Flesh Tone undergarments
5. Stockings which are black or off black in color
6. Low-heel black dress shoes
7. Minimal amount of jewelry

All male participants are required to wear:

1. Dark trousers
2. Brown or black dress shoes – no sneakers of any variety
3. Dark socks
4. White buttoned down shirt
5. Appropriate tie
6. Minimal amount of jewelry

♪ **Students who do not meet the dress code will not be allowed on the concert stage.**

♪ Students will be expected to return their music at check-in on Saturday, February 6th. DMEA will be keeping all Junior and Senior High music in a library for future use by All State groups as well as schools around the state.

Parents, thank you for sharing your child with us. It is only through your continued support and cooperation that we can continue to provide a quality performance experience for your child!!!

Sincerely,
Lauren Anderson and Jane Grudzina , All-State Co-Chairs

New Castle County Rehearsal Site

1/9/10 & 1/23/10 (1/30/10—weather contingency)

P.S. DuPont Middle School
701 West 34th Street
Wilmington, DE 19802

I-95 North to Concord Pike 202 Exit
Merge to the Right towards Wilmington
Turn Left onto North Broom Street
Turn Right onto West 34th Street
School is on the left

Kent/Sussex County Rehearsal Site

1/9/10 & 1/23/10 (1/30/10—weather contingency)

Millsboro Middle School
302 East State Street
Millsboro, DE 19966

From the North:

Rt. 113 South
Turn LEFT on Rt. 24 (Wawa)
Turn RIGHT at first light
School is 2 blocks on the right

From the South:

We are the south!

State Rehearsals

2/4/10 & 2/5/10

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Concert Site

Dickinson High School
1801 Milltown Road
Wilmington, DE 19808