November 22, 2011

Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your selection to participate in the 2012 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 DO NOT SEND T-SHIRT ORDERS WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES. T-SHIRT PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON THE ORDER FORM.**

Any questions can be directed to Jane Grudzina ~jhgrudzina@verizon.net

- The registration fee is $60.00. Checks are to be made payable to DMEA. **Fees along with contract must be postmarked by December 15, 2011 to :**

  Holy Cross Elem. School
  Jane Grudzina
  631 South State Street
  Dover, DE 19901

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 7, 2012** and **January 28, 2012** with February 4th 2012 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: Central Middle School, Dover
  Kevin Murphy—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 9th and 10th at PS Dupont MS**. 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 PS Dupont 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 11th, 2012** at **Mount Pleasant High School**. 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 Mount Pleasant High School. Tickets will be sold in advance at the state rehearsals prior to and after the rehearsals as well as 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 ¾ or long sleeves
  2. If blouse has an unfinished edge OR is below the hips, blouse must be tucked in
  3. 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 11th. 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,
Jane Grudzina and Stephanie Buchert ~ All-State Co-Chairs

New Castle County Rehearsal Site

1/7/12 & 1/28/12 (2/4/12—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

1/7/12 & 1/28/12 (2/4/12—weather contingency)

Central Middle School
211 Delaware Ave.
Dover, DE 19901

From the North:
Take Route 1 South towards Dover
Go over the canal.
Take exit 104 (Scarborough Rd).
After the toll go to the light and get in one of the left turn lanes.
Make a left onto 13 S (North Dupont Hwy).
After the Dover Inn there will be a dunkin donuts on the right.
Make a right at the next light after the dunkin donuts. (Route 8 / Dvision Street).
Make a right at the second light (Kent Ave).
You will see the school at the next stop sign.
Go to the auditorium entrance at the far left side of the building. (Look for the columns).

From the South: Rt. 13
Take Rt. 13 North to Dover. Pass the Rodney Village Shopping Center on the left. Go through a traffic light (at Webb's Lane with Wendy's on the corner) there should be 2 car dealerships (Townsend Bros. Chevrolet, and Nisson). Get in the left lane and make a left after two more traffic lights onto State Street. (There is a new light for the Puncheon Run exit ramp, then the one at State Street where you should turn.)
After the left turn you will pass South Elementary, and Kent General Hospital, (Bay Health Medical Center). Go through the light for Lockerman Street (PNC Bank will be there). Go through 2 more lights

and then make a right at the next block (Delaware Ave). At the stop sign (corner of Pennsylvania & Delaware Aves.) you should see the auditorium. Park and enter through the main doors at the columns.

From the South: Rt. 113

Take Rt 113 North. A few miles north of Milford, pass Barrett's Chapel on the right and Webb's Nursery on the left. Get in the left lane and at the traffic light in Little Heaven, go left onto Alt. 113. (This will eventually become State Street.) Continue on Alt.113/State Street Ext. through Magnolia (be sure to stay well under the posted limit of 25 mph in Magnolia) into Dover. Cross over Rt. 13 and pas South Elementary and Kent General Hospital (now called Bay Health Medical Center).
Go through the light for Lockerman Street (PNC Bank will be there). Go through 2 more lights and then make a right at the next block (Delaware Ave). At the stop sign (corner of Pennsylvania & Delaware Aves.) you should see the auditorium. Park and enter through the main doors at the columns.

State Rehearsal Site

2/9/12 & 2/10/12

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

Concert Site

2/11/12

Mount Pleasant High School
5201 Washington Street Extension
Wilmington, DE 19809

I-95 North to Marsh Road exit
When exiting on ramp, continue straight bending to the left.
Turn right at stop light onto Marsh Road
Next stop light, turn left onto Washington Street Extension
Mount Pleasant HS is on the left.