

From the Choral Director

Dear Concert Choir Parents & Guardians,

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY!

Congratulations! Your student has been nominated to audition for the Eastern Shore Choral Directors Association **All Shore Chorus**. Please review the following information carefully!

Auditions will take place on **Saturday, February 9th** (snow date: February 16th). Our audition site is **North Dorchester High School** in Hurlock, MD. Our audition time will be announced one week prior. Transportation is not provided to the audition site.

The audition is comprised of several parts including: **1)** rhythmic and melodic sight-reading examples, **2)** the accompanied audition piece and **3)** a memorized a cappella selection.

Your student has been provided the necessary materials by email. (All materials are also available via the JMB Choirs web site – www.jmbchoirs.weebly.com Follow the links provided on the homepage – click on “All Shore”.)

Please carefully review the “General Information”, “Behavior Contract” and “Concert Attire”. Please complete and return the “Agreement Form”. Please print the sheet music and save the practice tracks.

Students of All Shore caliber are expected to learn their music on their own. Please use the sheet music and rehearsal tracks provided to begin learning your part immediately. Each student is required to attend three “check-ins” in order to monitor our progress. Check-ins will take place **after school** scheduled by voice part. **THREE rehearsals are mandatory**. If necessary, students may contact the Director to reschedule prior to the check-in date. On the final week, we will hold mock auditions. Students missing check-ins or unprepared for audition will be removed from the nominations at any time by the discretion of the director. If a student requires additional help, please feel free to request so from the Director.

REHEARSAL AND CHECK-IN SCHEDULE: Tuesdays – Sopranos; Wednesdays – Altos; Thursdays – Basses; Fridays – Tenors; All rehearsals from 2:45-3:30 p.m. ****You may stay any day of the week if you are unable to stay on the day of your voice part.****

If selected, rehearsals and performance will take place at Wicomico High School on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, April 12, 2019 starting at 9 a.m. The concert begins at 7:00 pm. Transportation will be provided Thursday evening and Friday morning only. Our Guest Conductor will be Dr. Christopher Ryder from Mary Washington University.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email listed below.

Best,
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