

Dear NCHC Parents and Guardians,

First off, thank you once again for all the time and support you've given in preparing your students for this event. It's an honor to be their teacher and I am proud of their hard work throughout this process. In this letter I'm going to cover the final details leading up to NCHC.

After-School Rehearsals

We will have 3 more after-school rehearsals, Wed-Fri, from 2:30-3:30pm. The purpose of these rehearsals is to give students set-aside time to rehearse their music, to support their preparation, and to give solo feedback. If they are unable to come to these rehearsals there is no penalty, but it does mean that they need to be diligently practicing at home. Based on today's rehearsal, students still have work left to do to be able to pass the NCHC walk through. According to the NCHC director: "Students should be able to perform this music on a concert before they get to Honors Chorus. The concert will be sung from memory". I am confident that each Martin NCHC student is capable of passing the walk-through with adequate practice.

NCHC Registration and Arrival

Registration on Nov. 9th will be in the Winston Ballroom – Upper Level of Benton Convention Center – 1st room on the left, between 8:30-9:15am. I will not be allowed to register students until all 10 have arrived. Once they have seated the choir and the walk through process begins, schools that are late will be screened separately. Please plan to arrive by 8:45am at the latest.

Parent Supervision

I will chaperone the Martin students somewhere in downtown Winston-Salem for their first lunch break Saturday. Parents will be responsible for picking up and dropping off their kids for dinner that night. I would suggest coordinating and bringing food to students Sunday during lunch, since they really only have time to eat and change into concert attire before being needed back for the final rehearsal.

Concert Attire

Concert attire for the concert is ALL BLACK for the ladies, this can include dresses or pants. If dresses, please make sure they are appropriate, at least four fingers above the knee with black hose underneath. Ladies should wear flats or short heels. Ladies should wear their hair off their faces (in a bun, ponytail, pinned up, whatever) and no big hooped earrings. Small earrings are okay. There should not be any jewelry worn on their arms. Watches are okay. Men should wear black pants, shoes, and a white long sleeved button down shirt with a long TIE of their color choice.

Thank you for reading over the details and please let me know via Remind if you have further questions.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Ms. Thomas