

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 2 more after-school rehearsals, Oct. 30th and Nov. 1st from 2:30-4pm. 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 our first rehearsal, students still had a lot of work left to do to be able to pass the NCHC walk through, hence the added Tuesday rehearsal. On the Friday before the NCHC weekend, I will have all NCHC students perform their music in-class as a mini-performance for Honors Chorus, and to confirm that they know their music. 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. 10th 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 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. As the director of the middle school with the most students accepted into NCHC this year, I have been asked to lead the walk-through, so I need to have finished registering Martin students by 9:00am. Please plan accordingly.

Parent Supervision

Once the rehearsals begin, there must be one chaperone in addition to the choral director, for every 5 students. I sent out a google form asking which times parents would be available to chaperone, but have only heard from 5 parents out of the 10. Please complete this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1Qn40X64RHao5NJHetOXUgvoXUGRngR4NYG1buVFISBRqA/viewform?usp=sf_link

if you haven't already so that I can send out a chaperone schedule promptly. I would also love to do a group lunch during the first lunch break with the Martin students somewhere in downtown Winston-Salem and have Mr. Yancey to join us. All other meals and breaks parents will be responsible for picking up and dropping off their kids.

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 at the upcoming Fall Concert,

Ms. Thomas