

Dear Chorus Parents/Guardians,

The 1st quarter is wrapping up, and here at Martin MS the Choral Department is off to a great start. At the North Carolina Honors Chorus auditions, 24 students represented Martin, and 11 were selected to perform, the most of any middle school in the state! A few weeks ago, Martin had 8 students participate in Triangle Harmony Explosion, performing with the outstanding Midtown quartet. We will be entering once again into the Mix 101.5 Choral Competition, so be on the lookout! And with winter season around the corner, all Martin ensembles will soon begin to prepare for community events. First however, we would like to invite you to join us for the Fall Chorus Concert on Thursday, November 8th, 7-8pm, in the Martin auditorium. Chorus students from all ensembles will perform a variety of classical and folk music, featuring guest musicians Mr. Whicker on the piano and Mr. Elrod on percussion. Below are some reminders as to the times and dates for the dress rehearsal and concert:

- **Fall Chorus Dress Rehearsal**
 - Students will stay after school Wednesday, November 7th, from 2:30pm-5pm for the dress rehearsal. Please make sure your student has a ride home at 5pm.
- **Fall Chorus Concert**
 - Students will go home after school Thursday, November 8th, and are expected back at Martin, in concert attire, for a warm-up and sound check before the concert's start.
 - Honors Chorus will meet in the chorus room to warm-up at 6:10pm, Women's/Men's Ensemble will warm-up at 6:25pm, and Choral Ensemble at 6:40pm.
 - The auditorium will be open to family and friends at 6:30pm, and the concert will begin promptly at 7:00pm and conclude at 8:00pm. Please arrange for your student to have a ride home at that time.

Concert attire for choral students:

- Men
 - Black pants, black button down shirt, long red tie, black dress shoes
- Women
 - Choral and Women's Ensemble – Black dress, skirt, dress pants or blouse with black shoes. If wearing a dress/skirt, black tights must be worn.
 - Honors Chorus – official red or black chorus dress with pearl necklace
- (Shoes should be closed-toed, either flat or a very small heel. Please arrange hair away from face, no perfumes/cologne, and avoid flashy jewelry.)

I'd like to thank you all for supporting the Martin GT Choral Department. Your help is very much appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Concert!

Sincerely,

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