



February 7, 2011

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Parents,

Greetings from Middle School Chorus! We are off to a grand start in 2010 and another performance time is getting close! Your children are working very hard towards a performance at the **“Southern Star Music Festival.”** All chorus students will travel to the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom in Marietta on **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** during school hours to sing in the festival. They will perform three pieces for judges, receive written feedback and a score from the judges, and participate in a 15-minute clinic under the direction of a master music educator. This is a GREAT follow up to our LGPE competition in March, as it will give us a chance to polish the same pieces according to the LGPE judges’ comments. As this event is during the school day, attendance is required; students will be excused from class for this field trip. The cost of festival registration, singing, and transportation on Friday is covered by the MS Chorus budget.

Unfortunately, we will not be traveling to Six Flags this year as a group, as Baby Girl Foster is due April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is just too close to my due date to chaperone 100 chorus students at a theme park. So at the advice of my doctors and the administration, we will miss Six Flags this year ☹. Should baby Foster arrive before our performance on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Dr. John Peed (Director of Fine Arts and High School Chorus Director) is prepared to conduct the singing groups for the competition. Thank you, in advance, for helping your child understand this situation.

This festival is a wonderful opportunity to receive feedback, work with other music educators, and celebrate our accomplishments. For specific travel, attire, and performance information, please see the attached chart. Please put these times firmly on your calendars, and **fill out, sign and return the attached commitment form and permission slips by Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** (Your child will receive a grade for turning in this form). As always, it is a pleasure to work with your child. I am so very proud of their accomplishments thus far, and I look forward to a strong finish to the school year! Please let me know if you have any questions.

God Bless,

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P.S. – I am looking for 6 chaperones for the ride to and from the festival.



## **Southern Star Music Festival**



### **MS Chorus**

<b><u>Date/Event</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule of the day</u></b>	<b><u>Pick-up time</u></b>	<b><u>Attire</u></b>
Friday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> Performance Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8am-11:52 – Normal Middle School Schedule</li><li>• 11:52am/After Lunch – Change into Concert Attire/Warm-up</li><li>• 12:30 – Depart for Doubletree Hotel (bus)</li><li>• 1pm – Arrive at Doubletree Hotel, warm-up, etc.</li><li>• 1:25 – Listen to 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade</li><li>• 2:15pm – Perform/Clinic</li><li>• 2:40 - Depart for WESLEYAN SCHOOL</li><li>• 3:00pm – arrive at WESLEYAN SCHOOL</li></ul>	3:00pm/norm al dismissal	<b>Bring CONCERT ATTIRE</b> to school to change into

## **Commitment Form – DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am committing myself to the above rehearsals/performances.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the boxes that apply:

☐ My child will participate in the **performance only** on **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Chaperone Volunteers:**

☐ I can serve as a **chaperone** at the festival from **noon-3pm** on **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Chaperone Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **\*Application for Excused Absence**

Please explain absences below:

#### **Festival Performance:**

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> noon-3pm (regular school day)**

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\*Please understand that EVERYONE'S participation is **ESSENTIAL** to make these performances successful. As explained in the syllabus, grades in chorus are based largely on participation; unexcused absences from rehearsals and/or concerts will result in a lower chorus grade.

**TURN OVER AND COMPLETE GENERAL RELEASE WAIVER**