

# Southern Star – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

February 15, 2012

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 2012 and another performance time is getting close! Your children are working very hard towards a performance at the **“Southern Star Music Festival.”** There are two parts to participating in this festival. First, all chorus students will travel to the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom in Marietta on **Friday, March 30<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 (mid-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.

On **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 10:30am-9:00pm, the Chorus will enjoy a day of fun at Six Flags and conclude the day at the park’s theater where the results of the competition will be announced. Students will travel to the park and around the park in small groups with a chaperone present at all times. Six Flags attendance is not required, but is encouraged ☺.

The cost of festival registration, singing, and transportation on Friday is covered by the MS Chorus budget. For students wishing to attend Six Flags, the cost is \$42 (this includes two tickets to Six Flags (one for March 30<sup>th</sup> and the other for any other time this year on your own), and a meal ticket good for one meal at the park. Again, Saturday’s trip to Six Flags is not required, but encouraged.

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**, and include a **\$40 check made payable to Wesleyan School (if attending Six Flags)** by **Friday, February 17<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 **10 drivers and chaperones** for the Six Flags trip; please indicate on the commitment form if you are available (the cost for meal ticket and park admission is \$44 per chaperone; simply add \$44 to your check total). I also need 4 chaperones for the ride to and from the festival (no cost).



## **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>   |
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| Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup><br>Performance<br>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>• 1:15 – Listen to 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade</li><li>• 1:50pm – Perform/Clinic</li><li>• 2:15pm- Depart for WESLEYAN SCHOOL</li><li>• 3:00pm – arrive at WESLEYAN SCHOOL</li></ul> | 3:00pm/norm<br>al dismissal | <b>Bring CONCERT<br/>ATTIRE</b> to school<br>to change into  |
| Saturday, March<br>31 <sup>st</sup><br>Six Flags Trip       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:30am departure – Meet in LS Parking Lot to board minibusses/parent vehicles</li></ul>  | 9:00pm –<br>Lower<br>School | Chorus T-shirt;<br>comfortable pants<br>or shorts;<br>sweatshirt or<br>jacket (if needed);<br>bring extra \$\$ for<br>food beyond meal<br>ticket |

# SOUTHERN STAR – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

## Commitment Form – DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<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 ONLY participate in the **performance only** on **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** (NO COST)

**OR**

- ☐ My child will participate in **performance** on **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** AND the **trip to Six Flags** on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** (optional) and I am enclosing a **\$40** check payable to Wesleyan School.

### Chaperone Volunteers:

- ☐ I can serve as a **chaperone** at the festival from **noon-3pm** on **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** (no cost) Chaperone Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I can serve as a **chaperone and drive** to Six Flags on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (optional) and am including an extra **\$44** in the enclosed check. (No need for 2 separate checks):

Chaperone Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Application for Excused Absence

Please explain absences below:

#### Festival Performance:

**Friday, March 30<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**