

North Attleborough Middle School

Choral Program

Dear Parents,

For those of you with students interested in becoming a member of the 2010 - 2011 NAMS Chorus, below, please find some important dates and information.

The NAMS Chorus is an ensemble designed to teach students about true choral singing, both in unison and multiple parts. Singers are introduced to many choral standards composed for the middle school level.

As a member of the NAMS Chorus, singers will be expected to act as a valuable member of the ensemble, will learn to become a more independent singer, and will learn about the basics of singing.

Being a member of this organization is a very rewarding experience. The NAMS Chorus regularly performs concerts in both the winter and spring seasons, travels to festivals, and will be competing in the spring of 2011.

I ask that you consider all of these things when speaking with your student about joining. While the group is open to all students, he/she must remain in good academic standing. Chorus is a graded class and appears on each quarterly report card. While mainly based on attendance, performances and effort are also part of the grade. Rehearsals are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during period 5. Every member is a valuable part of the ensemble. If one person is missing, it is not the NAMS Chorus!

If interested in joining our ensemble, all students are asked to prepare the National Anthem. (Please note that this is for vocal placement only and is not an audition.) Students must also attend one of the mandatory student/parent sign-up meetings listed on the reverse.

If you would like a specific vocal placement date/time, please contact me either by e-mail at bmcbride@naschools.net or by phone at (508) 643-2130, ext. 1122. If by e-mail, please include AUDITION TIME in the subject. Otherwise, students will be randomly assigned a date/time at the student/parent meeting.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your student!

Sincerely,

Brian McBride, *Choral Director*

Choral Start-up Schedule

Friday, September 10th

Period 5, Chorus Room

Open meeting for all interested students

Monday, September 13th

6 - 7pm, Chorus Room

7 - 8pm, Chorus Room

First student/parent sign-up meeting

Vocal placement sessions (max 10 students)

Tuesday, September 14th

Period 5, Chorus Room

5 - 8pm, Chorus Room

Vocal placement sessions (max 7 students)

Vocal placement sessions (max 30 students)

Wednesday, September 15th

Period 5, Chorus Room

5 - 8pm, Chorus Room

Vocal placement sessions (max 7 students)

Vocal placement sessions (max 30 students)

Thursday, September 16th

Period 5, Chorus Room

6 - 7pm, Chorus Room

7 - 8pm, Chorus Room

Vocal placement sessions (max 7 students)

Second student/parent sign-up meeting

Vocal placement sessions (max 10 students)

Friday, September 17th

Period 5, Chorus Room

Vocal placement sessions (max 7 students)

Monday, September 20th

Period 5, Chorus Room

FIRST NAMS CHORUS REHEARSAL!!!