

The GMHS Chorus Department is preparing for our District Music Performance Assessment (MPA). The purpose is to give students, ensembles and teachers a culminating opportunity to perform for experience, assessment and feedback from trained adjudicators in order to stimulate and recognize growth.

Each ensemble will prepare from memory two selections of contrasting style and will be adjudicated on the following: Tone/Technique, Intonation, Diction/Language, Musical Accuracy, Balance/Blend, Artistic Expression, and Presentation.

Ensembles will also be adjudicated on Sight Reading, which is the practice of reading and performing a piece that the performer has not seen or learned before. This rubric assesses Rhythm, Pitch, Balance/Blend, Expressive Elements, and Presentation.

A combined rating from four adjudicators will be given to each ensemble:

- I SUPERIOR/ DISTINGUISHED
- II EXCELLENT/ ACCOMPLISHED
- III FAIR/ DEVELOPING
- IV IMPROVEMENT WARRANTED

### **Itinerary for Wednesday, March 13th**

7:25am- Report to GMHS Chorus Room for vocal warmups

9:15am- Depart GMHS via Activity Bus (load bus at 8:45am)

9:45am- Arrive at Meredith College

11:00am- Intermediate Treble Choir Warm Up, Performs, Sight Reads

12:00pm- Advanced Die Meistersingers Warm Up, Performs, Sight Reads

12:30- Eat packed lunch at Meredith

1:00- Depart for Garner Magnet High School

**Lunch- Students should pack their own. Lunch is not provided at Meredith College.**

## **Things to Know**

1. Attendance is mandatory for all choral students in Advanced and Intermediate. This is our biggest event of the year!
2. Students should arrive on campus in full concert attire before 7:25am.
3. Cell phones must be turned completely off and will be collected upon arrival at Meredith College. Any noise disruption during a performance, including our own, will be cause for disqualification.
4. All personal belongings must remain on the bus. Nothing can be taken into Meredith College!
5. Chaperones will be in charge of attendance, behavior, and holding cell phones.
6. While one ensemble is warming up, performing, and sight reading, the other ensemble will be listening in the audience with chaperones.
7. Students must be respectful during performances. Judges will disqualify ensembles for poor behavior on/off stage.
8. Students will be excused for the entire school day on March 13th. Communicate with teachers to receive missing work (A Day).
9. STAY WITH YOUR ASSIGNED CHAPERONE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU BE ALONE OR AWAY FROM YOUR GROUP.
10. Thank your chaperone and Mr. Tingle for driving the bus!

## **Concert Attire**

Sopranos and Altos

- Black dress
- Black closed toe dress shoes
- Black stockings/tights
- Hair in a neat bun. Any hair accessories must be black (clips, bobby pins)
- No jewelry

## **Dress Rehearsal**

The MPA dress rehearsal for each ensemble will be **DURING CLASS on Wednesday, March 12th**. This gives us 90 full minutes each with our accompanist before the event. Students must attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in MPA.

