

Putnam County Middle School Honors Choir Festival

Thursday, October 21st

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, October 21st Prescott South Middle School will host our annual Putnam County Middle School Honors Choir Festival. All students in the 7th and 8th grade chorus are welcome to audition for a spot; however, only 25 students from each school will be selected. In order to be chosen for this event, each student must be in good standing with the choir as well as have a simple audition. Auditions will take place during class. Students will sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" a cappella for auditions. All family members of students selected for Honors Choir are encouraged to attend a concert that night at 6:00pm. There is no admissions fee but donations are accepted and greatly appreciated! Below is more detailed information about this event. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Thank you,

Bethany Smith

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Rehearsal and Concert: Any student who is selected to participate in the Putnam County Middle School Honors Choir Festival must be able to attend the rehearsal during the day as well as the concert that night. The concert will most likely last an hour and will be held in the Prescott South Middle School Auditorium. Students are required to stay for the entirety of the concert.

Clinician/ Fee: Dr. Craig Zamer, the director of choral activities at Tennessee Technological University will be our Clinician. We are thrilled to have Dr. Zamer conduct our festival. He has years of experience conducting young adults and will give students an unforgettable choral experience. **A \$15 participation fee** will be required of each student and will be used to pay Dr. Zamer, pay his accompanist, and cover the cost of the Honors Choir T-shirts, which will be worn for the concert that night.

Concert Attire: Students will be receiving an Honors Choir T-shirt for participating in this event. **Students will wear this T-shirt along with jeans as their concert attire.** Honors Choir shirts will be purchased by Ms. Francis and are covered in the 15\$ participation fee!

School Work: All students participating are required to makeup all work missed the day of the festival. It is the responsibility of each student to discuss missed work with his or her teachers in advance. All students who have missing work and are on the list for after school homework lab, detention, or in school/out of school suspension will not be permitted to participate in the festival. Three students will be assigned as alternates and can take any students place at any time. Any student who is sick the day of the festival and is absent from school will not be allowed to sing in the concert that night.

Schedule: Below is the Honors Choir Schedule. It is tentative and subject to change.

8:00am - 8:30am – Students report to first period

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9:00am – 10:30am Rehearsal

10:30 -10:45am Break

10:45am – 12:00pm Rehearsal

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00pm – 2:00pm Rehearsal

2:00pm – 2:15pm Break

2:15pm – 3:15pm Rehearsal

3:15pm - 3:30pm Break

3:30pm – 4:00pm Final Rehearsal

4:15pm – 4:45pm Dinner Break (in gym)

4:45pm – 5:00pm Change (if needed)

5:00pm – 5:30pm Warm ups on stage

5:45pm Places/ Open House

6:00pm – Concert

7:00pm – Dismissal

**Putnam County Middle School
Honors Choir Festival Permission Form**

Due prior to student's auditions.

Name _____ Grade _____

Student Phone Number _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email _____

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I understand the requirements needed to participate in the Middle School Honors Choir Festival, which include a C average or higher in all classes. I understand that I must be in good standing with all Avery Trace teachers in order to participate. I understand that, in order to be involved in this event, I must attend honors choir rehearsal for the entirety of the day as well as the concert that night. I will respect all choir directors involved and will be ready, respectful, and responsible during the honors choir rehearsal and performance process. I will give the utmost respect to the honors choir clinician and will adhere to any and all of the demands made by the clinician including but not limited to listening and paying attention, standing or sitting when designated, and striving always to perform to the best of my ability. I understand that I am representing Avery Trace Middle School at this event and will work my hardest to honor our school with appropriate behavior and a positive attitude. I understand that Mrs. Smith has full authority to dismiss me from Honors Choir if I demonstrate disrespect towards any director involved or cause disruption that might reflect negatively on the group. I understand my acceptance as an Honors Choir member is subject to the returning this form to Mrs. Smith and the meeting of all requirements stated above.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

I have read all information given regarding to this event and give my child permission to participate. I have read the statement above and understand the expectations and standards my child will be held to during this event. I have read the detailed schedule and will insure that my child is picked up on time following the concert.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____