

Welcome!

Thank you for coming! Having the opportunity to talk face-to-face is such a wonderful gift!

The agenda for the meeting today is to:

1. Talk about the run through rehearsals that are happening over the next few weeks.
2. Uniform details
3. Side acts and a shift in our programs.
4. Talk about concert tickets and the ticket sales contest
5. Details concerning the schedule for the Mt. Vernon High School concerts
6. Give details about concert preparation and set up our service teams

### **Run-through Rehearsals**

Beginning last Monday, Mrs. Roschi started the actual practice of the program. She works through every detail of the entire concert meticulously so that by the time we get to Mt. Vernon, the program runs like clockwork. Mrs. Roschi has been doing concerts, recitals, and productions for 35 years, and I don't know anyone who is more thorough in preparation. There are so many life lessons that your children can learn during this process that will help them in their adult lives, so please encourage them to pay attention and take in what she is teaching. I think it's only fair to tell you that Mrs. Roschi has turned down offers to work with other organizations who could easily offer her more money and prestige, but she loves these students and the mission of this organization and has chosen to stay. Let's not take that for granted!

Please assist us in monitoring the use of cell phones during rehearsal. The tough thing is that there will inherently be some waiting while we practice the program, so there is great temptation to pull out cell phones. Unfortunately, screens steal the attention of students, and then important information is not heard. If students aren't paying attention, we have to go over the same things more than once, and rehearsals run over time. We would appreciate the presence of a few more parents during rehearsals for these last few weeks – your presence will help us run on schedule.

### **Uniform Details**

The uniform department has been hard at work. They are now returning altered uniforms. Since they are receiving uniforms in the mail during the week, they are altering them as fast as they receive them. If you are still expecting your uniform, would you make it a habit of tucking your concert shoes and undergarments in a bag and bringing them each Monday until your uniform is returned to you?

Each ensemble has a little "dress up" that we have planned for this concert.

CC/PA: pink flower pins for the girls, lime green bowties and cummerbunds for boys.

PC: Colorful butterfly pin for girls, lime green bowties and cummerbunds for boys.

BV: long skirts

RC: Jeans, t-shirts, fedora

AV/CL: Jeans/khakis, t-shirts, button down shirt

#### Uniform specifics:

1. Boys need to wear a plain white undershirt under their shirts. No logos or designs.
2. Girls – hair must be secured and may be worn up or down – your choice. Hair ties, headbands, etc. must match the color of your hair. We don't want any hair ornaments to be seen.
3. Clear nail polish, clear or pale pink lip gloss may be worn.
4. Hair must be a natural color.
5. Stud earrings only. No necklaces or bracelets.
6. **Nude colored panty hose for CC/PA and black knee high hose for older girls.** A slip is necessary.
7. Girls may find that a little extra blush is helpful since the lights can wash out skin tone.

#### Side Acts

In an effort to make our programs creative and engaging for both our students and our community, we are using more costuming and adding variety with emcees, readings, potential skits, solos, etc. In order to continue to develop this theme, we are utilizing side acts that allow our students time to change clothes. If your child has a talent that he/she would like to share during a concert, please contact Mrs. Roschi and let her know.

You are all familiar by now with the fact that Mrs. Roschi will not put a student on stage who doesn't know his/her part flawlessly. If your student volunteers for a side act, it may mean paying for private lessons from Mrs. Roschi for a semester up to a school year in order to perfect the piece.

#### Concert Tickets

We have sold 235 of our potential 1240 seats for our Mt. Vernon High School concerts. We have a lot of seats to fill! Honestly, this concert is going to be really, really wonderful. Let's fill that auditorium.

Having our ticket sales online is such a huge timesaver for Joanna, but it does present a little challenge when you ask people to come to the concert, but you can't sell a physical ticket right then. To help you with that, I have some cards that you can take to give to people as you invite them to our concerts. The cards have all the concert and ticket information so that your guests don't have to try to remember all the details. Please take a stack with you today.

Remember to tell your guests that tickets can be purchased over the phone as well as at the door. We really want to encourage people to purchase tickets before the day of concert. We do have reserved seating at Mt. Vernon, so it is advantageous to purchase tickets in advance.

### **Concert Ticket Contest**

#### **Contest Guidelines:**

1. Sell as many tickets as you can! Remember grandparents, friends, neighbors, church members, Boy/Girl Scout Leaders, teachers, and local businesses that you frequent. Everyone needs to hear about Hancock County Children's Choir!!
2. Be kind and friendly! Smiling faces will sell more tickets!
3. Each ticket sold can be claimed by only one student. Siblings will have to decide who gets to claim each person.
4. Tickets reserved with a coupon code do not count towards the ticket contest.
5. Tickets are purchased online through the HCCC website. Please have ticket purchasers enter the student's name into the appropriate box on the order form.
6. Model good sportsmanship! It's important to both win and lose well. Be a gracious winner and be happy for those who sell more tickets than you. Remember, we are all working as a TEAM!
7. Have fun! We are all working together to make this the best concert yet and we might just end up with a fun PARTY!

#### **How the contest works....**

Sell as many tickets as you can. We need to fill Mt. Vernon's auditorium for BOTH concerts! We are working together to sell 1,240 tickets! Tickets are on sale now! The contest ends April 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. Each week you will get an update on how many tickets have sold and who are the top sellers for the week. **Our prize ceremony will be during dress rehearsal on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Vernon High School.** If someone is unable to attend the concert, please ask if they would like to donate to the choir instead. All donations are tax-deductible. Each \$10 donation will be equal to 1 sold ticket. (example: \$100 donation = 10 tickets!)

**Have fun and sell those tickets!!!**

#### **Ticket sales rewards**

Sell 5 tickets: Dairy Queen Dilly Bar  
Sell 10 tickets: HCCC music note Squeezie  
Sell 15 tickets: Culver's ice cream & a Treasure Box prize  
Sell 20 tickets: Strike Force bowling & (2) Treasure Box prizes  
Sell 25 tickets: Land's End spirit wear

#### **Top Seller in each Ensemble:**

CC, PA, PC, BV: \$50 gift card to Incrediplex  
RC, AV, CL: SkyZone prize pack & Starbucks tumbler

#### **Top Selling Ensemble:**

Ice Cream & Cookie Party

**Top Seller in Elementary Ensembles (CC, PA, PC):** Bounce House rental from Bounce House Guys

**Top Seller in High School Ensembles (BV, RC, AV, CL):** TBA

**Top Selling Director:** Hancock Wellness Package & Starbucks tumbler

**Top Selling Families:** (families can choose which package they like in winning order)

Prize Package #1: 4 family passes and 4 balloon ride tickets to Conner Prairie

Prize Package #2: 4 tickets and 1 parking pass to The Indianapolis Zoo

Prize Package #3: 2 adult and 2 child passes to the Children's Museum

Prize Package #4: \$30 to Lincoln Square Pancake House

**If we reach our goal of selling 1,240 tickets.....PARTY TIME!**

**All of HCCC will celebrate on April 16th! Time and place to be announced!**

#### **Mt. Vernon Concert Details**

Please arrive at Mount Vernon High School no earlier than 4:00 pm. The school has asked us not to enter the building until their students have been dismissed for the day. Park on the west side of the building near Door 7. The doors are well marked, so you will find Door 7 easily. Once you enter the doors, we will either have a person there to direct you, or we will have signage to direct you to the dressing rooms and auditorium.

On Friday, pictures of the RC, BV, CC/PA, and PC ensembles will be taken. Please be completely dressed in your concert uniform and ready to be photographed at the appointed time set for your ensemble. Pictures will be taken in the auditorium on the risers. Directors will be photographed with their ensembles. RC and BV should come directly to the auditorium for pictures. CC/PA and PC should report to the hallway which is on the left (west) side of the auditorium to be lined up by height for the pictures.

We have a limited amount of time for pictures, so unfortunately, we cannot wait for students who are not in place when their ensemble has its picture appointment. Please plan to be early to your picture appointment. We don't want to miss anyone!

#### **Picture Schedule:**

4:30 PM: RC

4:35 PM: BV

4:40 PM: CC/PA

4:50 PM: PC

#### **Rehearsal Schedule:**

5:00 PM: Walk through program in full concert dress.

\*6:10 PM: Change out of concert uniforms into street clothes for dinner.

\*6:15 PM: Taco Bar dinner served in cafeteria

7:00 PM: Full rehearsal begins. Choir will remain in street clothes except for emcees. Please plan your time accordingly during dinner to assure that you are dressed and ready for rehearsal to begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

CC/PA is released as soon as they finish their part of the rehearsal. Parents of these students should plan to stay from the time of arrival through the CC/PA rehearsal since they are first on the program, then they will be released by 5:30 PM.

\* Dinnertime will be staggered this time to help each ensemble have adequate time to eat.

Parents: We are planning to be finished with rehearsal at 9:00 PM. I am working on the schedule to see if there is a way to get the PC ensemble out earlier than 9:00 PM. Thank you so much!

### **Saturday Schedule**

9:30am: Arrive at Mt. Vernon (6th graders, BV, RC, AV, and CL)  
 10:00am: Rehearsal begins for 6th graders, BV, RC, AV, and CL  
 11:30pm: Rehearsal begins for PA/CC and PC  
 12:30pm: Lunch (Students bring a sack lunch. Choir will furnish water and dessert.)  
 1:15pm: AV pictures  
 1:25pm: CL pictures  
 1:35pm: Combined choir pictures  
 2:00pm: Doors open  
 2:30pm: Concert  
 4:00pm: Meet and greet your guests after the concert  
 4:30pm: Change out of concert uniforms and hang them neatly in dressing rooms.  
 5:00pm: Pizza feed!  
 5:45pm: Gather belongings and take anything you don't need out to the car.  
 6:30pm: Dressed and ready - meeting backstage with Mrs. Roschi  
 7:00pm: Concert  
 8:00pm: Meet and greet guests  
 8:30pm: Change out of uniforms.  
 8:45pm: *All hands on deck* for cleanup and loading of cars. The goal is to be out of the school by 10:00pm

\*\* For the littles – In order to fight fatigue, it might be best for you to leave immediately after the afternoon performance and plan to stay during the evening performance. Parents of students in this group should plan their day in a way that helps your student be the most rested and refreshed for performances.

\*\*\* The hours between the afternoon concert and the evening concert are going to need to be well-supervised so that they are restful and rejuvenating for the students. We will definitely need lots of parent support, and I think it would be great to do something fun for the students so that the time is enjoyable. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed!

### **Concert Preparation**

Many hands make these wonderful concerts come together! I have a Committee Assignments document that lists all the jobs that need to be completed for concert preparation. I will describe the positions available and then pass around the chart for you to sign up. The beautiful thing about having 2 concerts is that you can work for one concert and watch for another. Lots of jobs are available, and they have been divided into categories: backstage, student meals, foyer committee, and auditorium committee. The Committee Assignments document lists all the jobs along with the number of people needed for each job.

*Each parent will have a job – so please choose the one you want!*

### **Meals for Concert Weekend**

We provide 2 dinners on concert weekend for students and working parents. The first meal is a taco bar that is served on Friday night. The second is a pizza feed served on Saturday evening. We charge \$5 per student or \$15 per family per meal. The PayPal buttons are on the website, and meals should be ordered by March 19. We are asking that students bring a sack lunch on Saturday. The choir will provide water bottles and a dessert.

The taco bar dinner on Friday is a fun, delicious, and easy meal. The choir purchases the food and then doles it out to people who are willing to prepare the food. It's pretty easy – taking frozen corn and heating it in a crock pot, opening cans of beans and heating them in a crockpot, dicing tomatoes and lettuce, making some rice, and fixing taco beef and chicken. The chicken we purchase is already cooked, it just has to be seasoned and simmered. So, you pick up the food on Monday, March 26 and bring it prepared and in a crock pot to dress rehearsal.

### **Choir Fees**

One last reminder: All choir fees should be paid in full by April 2. If you have any difficulty doing that, please contact Joanna Crump right away. ([jcrump@hccchoir.org](mailto:jcrump@hccchoir.org))

So excited!

Lisa