

Dear Parents:

CONGRATULATIONS! Your child has been selected to participate in the 2010 Northeast Iowa Choral Directors Association's Junior High Honor Choir Festival on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at the Williams Performing Arts Center in Oelwein. This event will feature two mixed choirs of approximately 200 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade singers selected from schools throughout Northeast Iowa. These are very select choirs and it is a true honor to be chosen to participate!

Please know how fortunate your child is to have a teacher who offers such a great opportunity. It takes a lot of extra time and commitment on the parts of both teacher and student to participate in an event such as this.

On behalf of the choral directors involved, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our programs and for making it possible for us to hold this event each year.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30-10:00	Registration & Seating
10:00-11:20	Rehearsal
11:20-1:00	Lunch
1:00-3:45	Rehearsal
4:00-5:30	Final rehearsal on stage
5:30-6:00	Choir A Eats/Choir B Changes into concert attire
6:00-6:30	Choir B Eats/ Choir A Changes into concert attire
6:45	Students in their concert seats
7:00	Concert

The singers will rehearse during the day with guest directors Linda Martin from Luther College and Anne Franta from Central Schools in Elkader. The 7:00 concert will feature pieces performed by both honor choirs as well as guest performances and a directors' choir. The concert is open to the public and free-will donations will be accepted at the door.

Please make sure your child has appropriate concert attire: Dresses, skirts or dressy slacks and blouses for the girls and dress slacks and dress shirts for the boys. NO t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans or tennis shoes will be allowed. Casual dress, including jeans and t-shirts may, however, be worn during the day for rehearsals.

Parking: Oelwein Schools ask that you please park in the east lot (large lot), NOT the south lot (small lot) by the Williams Performing Arts Center.

If you have any questions, your child's teacher has all of the information regarding the festival. Congratulations to you and your talented child! We are looking forward to an exciting festival!

Sincerely,

Laurie Thome, Honor Choir Chair

Sarah Holten, Honor Choir Chair