

Northwest ICDA High School Honor Choir Festival

October 29, 2007

Dear Directors,

We are pleased to announce the 48th Annual High School Honor Choir Festival will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008, at the B.J. Haan Chapel at Dordt College in Sioux Center. This year's guest conductor is Dr. James Johnson, Director of Choral Activities at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. The Augustana College Concert Choir, also under the direction of Dr. Johnson, will be this year's guest choir.

There is one very important change this year regarding event registration. **You will not receive registration materials in the mail.** ICDA is making a strong effort this year to cut back on mailing costs. **Your festival participant form, festival schedule, letter to parent, and music order form are located under the Northwest District webpage on the ICDA website. You are responsible for sending downloading, printing, and mailing your own documents for this event!**

Participant forms and checks should be returned to Andrea Christians at Pocahontas Area Community Schools by **Friday, December 21**. Event entry fee is \$40 for ICDA members and \$50 for non-ICDA members. **Please make all checks payable to Northwest ICDA.**

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Music orders should be mailed, faxed, or called in to Jay's Music in Sioux City. The ticket price at the concert will again be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students

In case of inclement weather, we will follow the plan of the Sioux Center Community School District. This is how it works - if Sioux Center is running on time, the festival will begin on time. If Sioux Center is running 2 hours late, the festival will begin 2 hours late. If Sioux Center cancels school, the festival is cancelled. Please consult with your administrator and use your own judgment if you feel the weather and road conditions are too risky. If this event must be rescheduled, refunds will not be issued.

Lawton-Bronson will be hosting rehearsals for this event on January 23, from 9:30AM-11:30AM and January 30 from 12:30PM-2:30PM. Directors can e-mail Donna Bennett if they plan to attend either rehearsal. These are additional opportunities for schools to prepare the songs for the festival.

Here are some simple directions for getting to Dordt College. While traveling through Sioux Center on Highway 75, turn east at the Casey's/Hardee's corner. After driving several blocks, you will find the campus on the right-hand (south) side of the street.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be having an outstanding high school choir from Northwest Iowa perform after the noon break. The Sioux Center Concert Choir, under the direction of Norm Grimm, will perform for students and directors before the first afternoon rehearsal. This is a new event which was recommended by you the directors.

Please do your best to make sure your students have prepared the notes and language for the festival music! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to a great festival!

Sincerely,

Ryan Person, Melody De Wit, & Andrea Christians
High School Honor Choir Committee