

Dear Parents,

If you are reading this letter, then your child has shown an interest in joining the IJHS concert choir. Choir is a great opportunity for your child to get involved. I truly desire that each member of the choir loves the experience. For many students, this is the only choir they will ever be a part of.

Choir is a commitment. I expect that the students will attend all rehearsals on time unless they are sick from school. Being tired is not an excuse to miss rehearsal. I hope you also sense the same urgency that I feel in this matter. **More than 2 unexcused rehearsals will result in an after school detention. Any missed performance will result in the same.** Before signing the permission slip, please discuss this commitment with your child and be sure this is a commitment you are both willing to make.

Choir rehearsal will be every Tuesday and Wednesday OR Thursday morning. Rehearsals will begin promptly at 7:15. We will alternate between Wednesday and Thursday morning rehearsals depending on NJHS meetings and staff meetings. I will communicate rehearsal days with the students, send out email reminders to you, and update the rehearsal dates on the choir web site. Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, September 9 at 7:15 am.** Students should enter the building at the door by the ramp. Please check the choir website for upcoming rehearsal dates.

We have several performances planned for this year. Please make a note of these very important dates. Concert attendance is mandatory!

November 11 - Veteran's Day Assembly, 8:45am at IJHS.

December 11 - Winter Concert, 7:00 pm at IJHS. Students should arrive at
6:00 pm.

December 12 - Choir and Band travel to perform at Chippewa and Navajo. We will
leave school around 9:00 am and return for a pizza lunch around 11:30 am

March 25 - Fine Arts Festival, 6:30 pm at IJHS. Students should arrive at 5:30.

In order to raise money, the IJHS Choir sells concessions at the boys and girls basketball games. Each choir member is required to sign up to sell concessions at **two** after school games. You will find a sign up sheet on the back of the permission slip. Please sign up for two dates. I stay with the students for each game; however, if any of you are willing to help out with the concessions stand, whether it be picking up supplies from Sam's Club or Costco or if you are willing to help supervise, please indicate that on the permission form. I am always looking for some extra help!

The concession stand takes the place of other forms of fund raising. Your child is not responsible for selling anything outside of school. Each family is expected to donate a case of pop or water to be sold at these games. After we have a final choir roster, I will send home and email a letter designating which beverage your child is to donate. Any additional donations of candy or chips to be sold at the games are greatly appreciated but not required. If you are willing to donate something for us to sell, please contact me directly. The money we raise goes to pay an accompanist, buy music, and subsidize our end of the year party.

I do my best to communicate with the families about upcoming events, rehearsals, etc. Please include your email address on the permission slip and I will create a master email list specifically for the choir. This definitely helps me communicate with you.

If, after you have read this letter with your child, you both decide that choir is something to pursue, please fill out and sign the attached permission slip and have your student return it to me by our first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 9.

Choir is a great way for your child to get involved! The talents your children develop now will follow them throughout the rest of their lives. They will never regret being part of a choir. Middle school was a pivotal time in my musical career. I hope to pass my passion and love of the arts on to your son or daughter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me. Thank you!

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I, _____, give my son/daughter, _____,
permission to participate in choir. I understand that this means he/she is
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Parent Signature

E-mail address (please print clearly)

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