

District Chorus Auditions - November 3, 2012
Bishop O'Connell HS

ABOUT THE CHOIR

The All-District Honor Choir is an opportunity for singers in 9-12 grade from District 12 schools to rehearse challenging music, and work with a renowned choral conductor at an advanced level. Each year the All District Chorus performances are powerful and memorable and for many students, life changing. There are two All-District Choirs. The Women's Chorus is for grades 9 & 10. The SATB Chorus is for men grades 9-12 and women grades 11 & 12.

To audition for this choir, you are to prepare a piece of music, and sight read. The audition process is a good experience for all singers and I encourage everyone to 'go for it!' However, you should only audition if you truly intend to be a part of the choir. If you get accepted and don't attend, you are taking the spot of someone who really wants to be there.

Students who make it into the All District Chorus in grades 11 and 12 are then eligible to audition for the All State Chorus (this takes place in February). Only by being admitted to the All District Chorus can you be eligible for the All State Chorus.

The dates for District XII Chorus Festival are February 7-9, 2013 at Oakton HS.

AUDITION PROCEDURE

This year the audition will be held at **Bishop O'Connell HS**.

When you arrive, check in at the registration desk and then go into the Theatre and sign in at the front. Your name will be called in the order that you sign in. You may use music. The judges will be behind a screen, you will not see them and they will not see you. Practice tracks are available on Blackboard. The assigned piece is worth 90% of the audition. You will also perform a sight singing example. This is worth 10% of your final score. There will be a student helper in the room to play the CD for you.

AUDITION FEE

\$ - TBD

The audition fee will be determined after we know how many students are auditioning, but is expected to be around \$6. **The fee is non-refundable once the final registration up has gone to the host school.** Once registration has closed, each

school will receive an invoice for the appropriate amount. **Each school will be billed for the number of students that register, even if they end up cancelling.**

AUDITION MUSIC

The music for **He, Watching Over Israel** was handed out in class during the second week of school. It is also available on Blackboard. You may highlight, hole punch, and write in your copy, as it is for educational and not performance purposes. All chorus students will have the opportunity to stay after school on designated days throughout October to rehearse and prepare for the audition.

He Watching over Israel, F Mendelssohn, Schirmer No. 2498

Voice Part	Piano Begins	Singer Begins	Singer ends
Soprano 1	M 22	M 23	M 43
Soprano 2	M 42	M 44	M 67
Alto 1	M 20	M 21	M 43
Alto 2	M42	M 44	M 67
Tenor 1	M 46	M 48	M 67
Tenor 2	M 46	M 48	M 67
Bass 1	M24	M 25	M 43
Bass 2	M 44	M 45	M 67

The District Chorus event will take place February 7, 8, 9, 2013 at Oakton HS. All VA Choir auditions will take place at the same location during rehearsal the evening of the 9th.

COMMITMENT FORM

Students must turn in the VCDA All-District Commitment form when they register to audition. **It is a state mandated form. Students who do not turn it in, will not be permitted to audition.**

AUDITION BLOCKS

Each student must sign up for an Audition Block. Their audition will be at some point during the block. Students should arrive before the block begins to warm-up and be ready to audition. The audition day is an SAT day. **Be sure students taking the SAT sign up for Block C.**

Block A = 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Block B = 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Block C = 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

SIGHT READING

After the prepared piece, each student will be asked to **sight read** eight measures of music in the keys listed below. They will have 30 seconds to study and only one chance to perform. Again, students will prepare in class for this process.

Part	Key
Sopranos	G
Altos	D
Tenors	F
Basses	C

Students will receive a score from two judges on their prepared piece and sight reading abilities. So you know the rubric, I have attached the judges adjudication sheet.

Students who audition have the opportunity to earn 10 bonus points toward their 2nd quarter grade. Auditioning for an honors choir is an enrichment activity and provides students with practice in live auditioning skills, which are critical to the performing arts.