

# Honors Chorus 2019

Director's Letter

## Deadline is October 11<sup>th</sup> for all forms to be postmarked!

Dear Directors:

**Read everything in this letter and go back and read it again. PLEASE!!!!**

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you and your student(s) for being selected for the 2019 North Carolina Middle School Honors Chorus! I look forward to meeting all of your "Honors" students in November.

Please copy the attached middle school honors duty schedule, rules, registration, medical form, and rehearsal schedule. You need to complete the registration form, honors chorus rules sheet, duty schedule, and medical release form for each of your students and return them to me along with ONE school check, booster check or MONEY ORDER for \$15.00 per student (NO PERSONAL CHECKS) POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11, 2019.

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**DEADLINE is October 11th for all forms to be returned to Robert Waller at the address above. Don't be late. I will return it to you if it is not on time.**

As always, each director will be responsible for securing the hotel accommodations for their students. The Embassy Suites and The Marriott on Cherry Street in Winston Salem should have rooms blocked off for this event.

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You should read ALOUD with your students the rules for Honors Chorus. THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!! We want only happy experiences. No surprises or tears from students or teachers.

Please read all of the information IMMEDIATELY. You will find a REGISTRATION FORM, AN HONORS CHORUS RULE SHEETS, A MEDICAL RELEASE FORM, A DUTY SCHEDULE, and A REHEARSAL SCHEDULE. Please copy the rules sheet, the registration form, the duty schedule, and the medical release forms for each student and return them to me with your money on or before October 11, 2019. Make sure that you copy all of the forms and fill them out for each student. DO NOT DELAY!!!! Late forms will not be accepted. Teachers, this is **YOUR** responsibility. I will return late registrations back to you and you will not be allowed to participate. Do not wait until the last minute!!! I don't want to hear about any problems with checks. I will not accept personal checks. I will only accept school checks, booster checks, or money orders. If you use a money order please make sure that you put your SCHOOL'S Name at the bottom. You may want to take it to the Post Office yourself to ensure that it is postmarked by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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As in the past, we have rehearsal tracks with each vocal part and the accompaniment for each song. The tracks are on the website [www.ncmea.net](http://www.ncmea.net) that you can DOWNLOAD all the parts that you need. Please download all tracks that you need and put them on an IPOD, MP3 Player, or burn to a CD.

## Music

Music will follow in a few days from J.W. Pepper, Inc. In each packet will be an extra set of music for the director. It is the teacher's responsibility to spend enough time with their student(s) to ensure they know the music well enough to sing the music on a concert you would have at your school.

**The Music:** Students should be able to perform this music on a concert before they get to Honors Chorus. The concert will be sung from memory.

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Teachers, you must accompany your student(s) to Honors Chorus and rehearsals. You and your school are responsible for your student(s) and their behavior. There must be one chaperone in addition to the choral director, for every 5 students. Again, this year at the rehearsal if you must leave the immediate area for any reason, you will need to sign a check out sheet with your contact information. This book will be located on the table registration table. Also, if you are attending a session during rehearsals please sign this book as well.

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Directors, you will not be allowed to register your students until all of them have arrived. Once students have been registered they must enter the rehearsal area and are not allowed to leave. Once we have seated the choir and the walk through process begins schools that are late will be screened separately. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Therefore, make sure that you have your students in place by 9:15 am. There have been issues with this in the past. I would hate to have to send someone home because they were late to the rehearsal(s). Therefore, if your school is late two years in a row you will forfeit the opportunity to participate in honors chorus the following year.

Attendance will be kept by the number on each student's nametag. Students will check in with one of the teachers who are taking roll at the door before each rehearsal.

## Concert Attire

Concert attire for the concert is **ALL BLACK** for the ladies, this can include dresses or pants. If dresses, please make sure they are appropriate. If the dress is not floor length then ladies should wear black hoes/leggings/stockings so that it is all black to their shoes Ladies should wear flats or short heels. No platform heels as this will mess up my height arrangement. Ladies should wear their hair off their faces (in a bun, ponytail, pinned up, whatever) and no big hooped earrings either. Small earrings are okay. There should not be any jewelry worn on their arms. Watches are okay. Men should wear black pants, shoes, and a white long sleeved button down shirt with a long TIE of their color choice. Bowties are **NOT** acceptable!! Period!!

Performance recordings will be available at the concert from White Sound Studio. Both the DVD's and CD's will contain the Elementary, Middle, and High School performances. You will find an order form on the website and you should also receive one in your music packets as well. You can print off as many copies as you need and will not have to stand in line at the concert. I suggest that you give these to the parents in advance. These can be mailed in as well.

I want to thank you for the work you have done so far in making our 2019 Honors Chorus a big success. We have a long way to go before our work is complete.

## Duty Schedule

Please fill out the duty schedule and sign up for what you think you can help with. You will find the list of jobs that will need to be completed at Honors Chorus in November. Thank You!

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When walking students to and from the Steven's Center I would like for all teachers to help with this. I want to keep the line moving and not have any gaps in the line.

Again, thank you for your extra time and effort! I look forward to seeing you at conference. All of you have made my job easier by being the best Directors in North Carolina! If you are new to Honors please introduce yourself to me so that I can put names and faces with everyone.

I want to say thank you for all you do everyday to change the lives of the students you teach.

If you plan to order a T-Shirt, please send your money with the registration. Make sure that you order the CORRECT size(s) the first time. The T-Shirt will be short sleeved.

“Sing”cerely,  
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**Make sure the duty schedule is a separate sheet of paper.**

**Mail all forms in a brown clasp envelope and do NOT fold any of the papers. This is covered on the registration form written in RED!!!!**

**Postmark forms by October 11<sup>th</sup>. Late forms will NOT be opened.**