



Hello WMS Choir Families!

It's almost March and the next two weeks are packed full of concerts and more. This newsletter includes several very important **reminders**. Please read everything carefully and act accordingly. Only 50% of students/parents completed January's [Google Form Newsletter Quiz](#) (grades were entered yesterday). Students/parents who have not completed it yet should do so now. You can check PowerSchool to see if you've earned a grade for it yet or not. If you need to refer back to January's newsletter to find any of the answers to questions on the quiz, you can always find previous newsletters posted on the [Choir website newsletter page](#).

### **NEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL**

**Concert Clothes (ALL BLACK then T-Shirt & Blue Jeans in May)**

**Concert Dates (February 28 & March 2 / May 2 & 4)**

**SING-A-THON (Saturday, May 20th)**



### **CONCERT CLOTHES - BORROWING ~ KEEPING ~ DONATING**

If your student was provided any concert clothes, please keep these through the concerts in February/March as we will be wearing formal attire again then. After those concerts, please return all borrowed clothes and consider donating anything that you paid for if there are no younger students in your family who will wear it in the future. This will help "pay it forward" for future students to use. If you are keeping clothes and you'd be willing to make a contribution, please let me know. Checks can be made payable to TCWCO (Traverse City West Choir Organization).

### **FEBRUARY/MARCH CONCERT DATES & DETAILS**

**6th Grade & Madrigals: Tuesday, February 28th / 7th & 8th Grade: Thursday, March 2nd**

Students should arrive by 5:45 wearing **ALL BLACK** formal concert attire in Lars Hockstad Auditorium at Central Grade School. The performance will begin at 6:30 and end around 7:30.

### **MAY CONCERT DATES & DETAILS**

**7th & 8th Grade: Tuesday, May 2nd / 6th Grade & Madrigals: Thursday, May 4th**

Students should arrive by 5:45 wearing their Choir T-Shirt & Blue Jeans in Lars Hockstad Auditorium at Central Grade School. The performance will begin at 6:30 and end around 7:30 or 8:00.



### **FIRST ANNUAL SING-A-THON - SATURDAY, MAY 20TH** 🎸🎹🥁🎤

Details for this event, including exact times and locations, are still being finalized. Stay tuned for more information. It will most likely be from noon-6:00 at Lars/Central Grade with specific blocks of time during that six hours for certain grades/classes to be in attendance to perform solos, duets, trios, quartets, and other small & large ensembles, as well as a few large choir performances. Most songs will be selected by students with teacher approval happening before spring break to allow for plenty of practice time. We are hoping to provide special lighting/effects and possibly even a live band to accompany students who are ready to perform this way instead of just using a karaoke track although that will also be an option. This will be a fundraising event with opportunities for students to solicit sponsorships for family, friends, and neighbors along with some paid advertisements from local businesses to help underwrite the costs involved - we might even have a few special guest performers and food available - it's gonna be a ton of FUN!!!

The Traverse City Choirs are very excited to welcome composer, Jacob Narverud, as a special guest artist in residence the week of March 6-10. WMS will host Mr. Narverud in the classroom on Monday afternoon, March 6th. Madrigals will be combining with the EMS Chamber Choir to perform two songs as part of a concert featuring select ensembles from all TCAPS Secondary Schools that will also include a very special WORLD PREMIERE performance of a new song commissioned by us from Mr. Narverud entitled, *Peace Flows*. Ticket information will be available soon. This concert will be in Corson Auditorium at the Interlochen Center for the Arts at **7:00 on Thursday, March 9th**.

Sincerely,

Mr. Emerick Dee



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