



Hello WMS Choir Families!

Thank you to all who attended our December concerts! It was wonderful to have so many beautiful performances last week! Please check out the WMS Choirs Facebook page for more pics and videos. This newsletter includes several very important announcements. Please read everything carefully and respond accordingly - check out this [Google Form Newsletter Quiz](#) to be entered in a drawing for some stocking stuffer prizes. ❄️🎁❄️🎄❄️🍫❄️ Thank you!

Concert Video Links on YouTube

Check out the [WMS Choirs Website Video Page](#) for links to YouTube videos of last week's concerts and student comments/reflections on Padlet.

Final Days of December - Classroom Activities & More...

All students are taking a few minutes to watch videos of their performances from last week in class and completing a short written reflection on a website called, "Padlet" which is like digital sticky notes. It's a fun activity for students to participate in and also fun to read everyone's comments and see the silly pictures and GIFs they post. During our final few days we are also hoping to celebrate the success of this year by singing some fun seasonal songs - some students will volunteer to sing solos and others will join in on the fun with some holiday favorites karaoke style! 🎤❤️🎵😊 We're also planning to offer students an opportunity to exchange some silly presents (***white elephant gift exchange*** - something they already have at home - no new purchases, please) in class next Monday/Tuesday depending on what day 6th graders have Choir (Tuesday for 7th & 8th grade) while enjoying some of their ***favorite snacks*** (finger foods, desserts, and drinks). Nobody is required to bring a gift or food/drink, but students are welcome to bring something if they'd like to exchange gifts and share some food and drinks.

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).



Sock Drive 🧦🧦

See the flyer on Facebook for more information about the TCAPS Music Department Sock Drive to help out students in our community who have these needs. The date of Wednesday, December 14th is not a hard cut-off. We'll gladly accept them through the last day before break and even into January. Please consider picking up a pair of socks or a package to donate for a good cause. Thank you!

February/March Concert Dates & Details (*NEW DATES*)

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 in January or February. 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!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Emerick Dee



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