

TO: DJMS CHOIR MEMBERS and PARENTS

FROM: Mr. Husband

RE: UIL Concert and Sight Reading Activities

DATE: February 3rd and 4th

We are in the midst of the “contest season”! This is definitely our most intense time of year, as we prepare for the UIL concert and Sight-Reading Competition. Due to the class schedules and the combining of several classes, we will need to hold some additional rehearsals, outside of the school day, to combine these groups.

These rehearsals will be required for participation in the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. I have scheduled a minimum number of rehearsals, and student attendance is necessary to make these rehearsals effective and productive. Students will be allowed only one unexcused absence from these additional rehearsals to continue their participation in the UIL process. Excused absences would include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Illness/absence from school (Excused absence)
2. Family emergency (death in family)

If a student should become ineligible for participation in the UIL Contest (either due to failing grades on their 4th six-weeks report card, or excessive unexcused absences from combined rehearsals), they will be assigned written “music-based” assignments to complete during class time.

All students will also be required to “Sing-off” their contest music in order to continue participation in this contest. The “Sing-Off’s” will take place during the regular class period. ALL students will be required to sing their contest music, as well as, pass a Sight Reading barrier to continue in the process. Students should strive for 100% accuracy of notes, rhythms and diction on the concert portion literature. Students will have 2 opportunities to pass-off their music. More details will be shared during class.

UIL “SPECIAL REHEARSAL” SCHEDULE

NON-VARSITY TREBLE CHORUS (Blocks 2, 3 and 8)

Thursday, February 18 th	4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Thursday, March 4 th	4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Tuesday, March 23 rd	4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

All sing-offs will take place during the students regularly scheduled class period. If a student requires more than one attempt, this will be scheduled on an “as needed basis” before or after school.

UIL CONCERT AND SIGHT-READING PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

All performances are required for students participating in the UIL Contest and Sight-Reading Contest...Parents, families and friends are invited to attend the "concert" portion of the contest. Parents are not allowed in the sight-reading room. Pre-UIL will be held in the Willie Pigg Auditorium on the campus of Wester MS. Students will be bused to Wester, but parents must pick-up their students at Wester MS. The UIL Contest will take place at Richland High School in North Richland Hills.

Pre-UIL Contest

All Choirs Monday, March 8th Times TBA (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

UIL Contest

Tuesday, March 30th *The schedule will be sent home approximately*
Wednesday, March 31st *2 weeks prior to the event. Most events will take place*
Thursday, April 1st *between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.*

A few chaperones will be needed to assist with the groups. If you are available to volunteer on any of the above dates, please let me know. Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I appreciate your support of our choral department and appreciate the encouragement you give your students in their continued participation. Thank you advance for your support of the additional rehearsals, so we will be able to prepare the best performance possible for the UIL contest!

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UIL Information Signature Page

I have read the UIL Information thoroughly, and I understand that I must meet ALL of the criteria in order to continue in the UIL process. I also understand that, in order for the DJMS Choir to maintain a level of excellence, I must have all of my materials in daily, and after-school, rehearsals, as well as a positive attitude, focus, and a pencil in hand!

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

This form must be turned-in by all students by **Tuesday, February 9th, 2010!**

Please make sure that all of the above dates are placed on your family calendar. Attendance at all extra rehearsals is vital to maintaining a "Standard of Excellence"!