

February 27, 2008

Dear Junior District Members:

The first rehearsal is coming right up: Wednesday, March 5. There is no special dress, but please do try to look nice, as you are representing our town.

Leave/arrive home times:

- **Wednesday** the bus will pick up the middle school students at 2:00 and the high school students at 2:10. Have your parents pick you up at 8:30 pm AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL -- no HS drop-off. MS students, check in with Mr. Murray so that he knows where you will be between the end of school and 2:00. Mr. Murray will be chaperoning the bus.
- **Friday** the bus will pick up the middle school students at 2:00 and the high school students at 2:10. Leave class 10 minutes early and be on time so we are not late for rehearsal. Have your parents pick you up at 9:00 pm AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL -- no HS drop-off. Mrs. Ezbicki will be chaperoning the bus.
- **Saturday** arrive at 8:00 AM, at the middle school (no HS pickup). If you are late, you will be left behind. There is no return bus; you will come home with your parents after the concert. Mr. Murray will be chaperoning the bus.

For all rehearsals:

BRING A PENCIL!!!

Make sure you have your **music** when you leave home Wednesday morning!

(Each person needs a copy of the music -- vocalist, take note!)

Instrumentalists, make sure you have your instrument, extra reeds, oil, sticks, rosin, rock stop, etc.

Instrumentalists, you need a **folding music stand**. Mark all parts of the stand with your name and school in case you accidentally leave it there. (And be sure your name is on your instrument case, mute, jacket, lunch, etc.!!!)

Bring a little pocket money for snacks during the break if you wish.

Bring a **dinner** for the Wednesday & Friday rehearsals and lunch for Saturday, or bring money for pizza/hotdogs. There will be drinks and dessert to buy.

Bring money for **concert tickets** (\$10.00 apiece) to the first rehearsal (see attached...).

Make sure you have your music **LEARNED!!!!!!** The rehearsal is not the time to be learning the music. It's embarrassing to mess up in front of everyone if the conductor or sectional leader asks you to play/sing alone! **All** parts should be worked out by the first rehearsal; see one of the teachers if you need help -- we're all willing to go over it with you.

On both **rehearsal days**, **high school students** should be getting on the bus at **2:10**. (On Friday, leave class 10 minutes early to be there on time.) Bring all books, etc. that you need, as you will not be returning to the high school. The bus will be near the sheds by the guidance entrances to the administration building. Mrs. Roys from the middle school will be the driver. Be sure your parents know to pick you up at the middle school, not the high school.

Middle school students will be getting on the **bus at 2:00**. Meet in the hall outside Mr. Murray's room. On Friday, leave your block 6 class at 1:50. Bring all books, etc. that you need, in case the school is locked when we get back. The bus will be parked near the back door of the gym. Mrs. Roys, from the office, will be driving

Remember, you can not be in the festival if you miss any of the rehearsal time! And, you can't go with us if we don't have your bus permission slip, Student Contract and Medical Form.

Questions?? Call Ms Muffitt. 978-261-5065, cell: 617-834-7530

Chaperones are: Mr. Murray on Wednesday & Saturday, Mrs. Ezbicki on Friday. Ms Muffitt, Mrs. Memoli and Mr. Oneschuck are all managers for groups, so they will be at all rehearsals.

