

HONOR CHOIR AUDITIONS

August 16th 2017

Greetings from Mrs. Otten!

2017-2018 

Your 4th or 5th grade student is interested in auditioning for the 2017-2018 Hallsville Intermediate Honor Choir that meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM! The audition process will be reinstated this year to reduce our capacity to around 50 students.

The Honor Choir will be a selective group of students in grades 4 and 5 who must pass a basic audition, consistently meet character expectations, and follow attendance policies to participate. This year, our audition day will be on **Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 AM: Intermediate Music Room**. All interested students, regardless of previous choir membership, must be selected from the audition to participate.

SELECTION PROCESS:

All auditioning students will be asked to sing a short excerpt from the song, "Welcome." A practice track can be found at: www.mrsottenmusic.com. (Scroll down to the files at the bottom of the page.)

Students must arrive on audition day prepared to sing this excerpt **from memory**. Also, students will be asked to perform 1 minute of simple riser choreography in small groups, which I will teach that morning.

I will be very transparent with students and parents about the qualities I seek in an Honor Choir member. These are the areas of consideration that will guide my selection process:

1. **PASSION:** Does this student truly LOVE performing? Does singing seem to make them "come alive?" Do they think that moving and singing on the risers is FUN?
2. **CHARACTER:** Did this student arrive on time and prepared for the audition? Is this student kind to others? Responsible? A hard-worker? A good listener and follower of directions? Can I count on them to sing through their music at home at least twice per week and abide by our attendance policies?
3. **VOCAL ABILITY:** Does this student demonstrate a strong and confident singing voice? Can this student match pitch? Would this student feel motivated by challenging choral music that requires a lot of practice?
4. **MOVEMENT:** Does this student learn choreography quickly? Do they perform movement with energy and enthusiasm?

SHARING THE RESULTS:

Within a week, each student who attended the audition will receive a letter in the mail to learn the results of the audition. The primary reason for the letter is to provide students with some personal space to express their feelings about the results. I prefer this to be done among supportive and encouraging family members in a home setting rather than around peers at school.

After the news is shared, rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 13th from 7:00 AM-7:45 AM.

Please contact me via email with questions or concerns about the audition process. Thank you!

Mrs. Chelsea Otten

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