

Sparkman High School
Choir Department

August 19, 2013

Dear Parents:

Each year, the Madison County Choral Directors Association sponsors the Madison County Honor Choir, an event which offers an opportunity for your child to sing some advanced choral literature with a master choral director as well as students from other choral programs throughout the county. This year's clinicians are Brian Kittredge from UAB and Melinda Doyle from the University of Montevallo.

I have attached an informational flyer which includes much of the information you will need to know. Students who participate **MUST** attend two of three after-school practice sessions on September 4, 9, and 16, at 3:15-4:30 pm (the first and last sessions are **REQUIRED** as is one of the two other sessions). Additionally, students may download rehearsal tracks from the MCCDA website (www.mccda.net). There is no formal audition required, but students are expected to learn their music. There will be a required screening on September 23, 3:15-4:30 pm, to insure that they will be good representatives of Sparkman High School and the Choral Department.

The cost to attend the festival is \$15 (your Choral Boosters fee covers the remaining cost) and includes all music. Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from the three evening rehearsals on October 8, 22, and 28, and on the day of the festival, October 29. If this presents a problem, please let me know, and we will try to arrange a carpool with another parent.

Please return the form attached to this letter, along with your payment for \$15, by **Friday, September 13, 2013**. I will not be able to accept any money or forms past this date. Please follow the payment guidelines for cash and checks as described in the Syllabus and Choir Handbook. Please feel free to email with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Taylor
Choir Director
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MCHC Permission/Selection Form

PLEASE PRINT: Forms and fees must be turned in by **September 13, 2013**.

My child, _____, has permission to participate in the Madison County Honor Choir on October 29, 2013, as well as all required rehearsals leading up to this event. I understand that if my child is deemed by the Choir Director not to be adequately prepared, he/she will not be allowed to participate. I have enclosed payment for **\$15**, and I understand that all fees are non-refundable regardless of participation or selection for a choir.

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

_____ I am willing to help out with supervision during lunch on October 29.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date