

October 4, 2011

Dear Choir Parents and Students:

This letter is written to inform you of the details concerning mandatory events for the month of October. Please read carefully and direct any questions to Mr. Rogers, Mr. Butler or Ms. Gina De Luca at school or phone the music office at 253-3705. You can also email Mr. Rogers at trogers@nvusd.k12.ca.us

TREBLE & MEN'S CHOIR DRESS REHEARSAL IN THE DISTRICT AUDITORIUM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

(Please note that this mandatory rehearsal has been moved a day later from the original choir schedule handed out and mailed home in August)

Choir students from **First Period Treble Choir** and **Second Period Men's Choir** will have a **MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL (Semester grade is lowered should a student fail to attend) on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**. Students need to come **IN COMPLETE CHOIR OUTFIT:**

TREBLE CHOIR	7:00-8:15P.M.	choir dress, black dress closed-toe shoes, black nylons (may be "knee-high"); <i>Gina will hand out pearls at the Dress Rehearsal</i>
MEN'S CHOIR	7:45-9:00P.M.	black dress shoes and socks, black "Dockers" style slacks (<u>no jeans!</u>), white long-sleeve button-down dress shirt and a neck tie of any combination of colors as long as the colors include blue and/or gold (the school colors)

- Students may **not** bring food or drink into the Auditorium, and each student should come prepared ready to sing for the entire period of time;
- Both dress rehearsals are **CLOSED** to the general public and parents.
- These are the only dress rehearsals held during the school year for these two classes as once we know that the students' formal choir outfits are ready to go, we are "good to go" for the entire school year!

FALL CONCERTS in the District Auditorium on **WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 & 20 at 7:00P.M.**

Wednesday, October 19 – is **MANDATORY** for **1st Period Men's Choir, 2nd Period and 6th Period Treble Choirs, and 5th Period Chamber Choir.** (Semester grade is lowered should a student fail to attend)

- All students are to report to their assigned seating section for roll, dressed in complete choir outfit by **NO LATER than 5:30P.M.** for the pre-concert sound check, review and final instructions;

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- Doors open for this performance at approximately 6:40P.M., the concert begins at 7:00P.M. and is expected to conclude before 9:00P.M.
- Students should not bring anything valuable with them to the performances or dress rehearsals – we cannot guarantee the security of anything that is brought to these events as there is no place to lock and secure items. Please encourage your child to leave valuable items **at home!**
- Students may NOT leave the area unless specifically excused by Mr. Rogers. Students are expected to remain for the entire concert to support the other performing groups

Thursday, October 20 – is MANDATORY for 3rd Period Concert Choir, 4th period Concert Choir (Chorus) and 5th Period Chamber Choir. (Semester grade is lowered should a student fail to attend)

- All students are to report to their assigned seating section for roll, dressed in complete choir outfit by **NO LATER than 5:30P.M.** for the pre-concert sound check, review and final instructions;
- Doors open for this performance at approximately 6:40P.M., the concert begins at 7:00P.M. and is expected to conclude before 8:45P.M.
- Students should not bring anything valuable with them to the performances or dress rehearsals – we cannot guarantee the security of anything that is brought to these events as there is no place to lock and secure items. Please encourage your child to leave valuable items **at home!**
- Students may NOT leave the area unless specifically excused by Mr. Rogers. Students are expected to remain for the entire concert to support the other performing groups

23rd ANNUAL HARVEST CELEBRATION CONCERTS AT MONT LA SALLE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

This performance is MANDATORY for both Concert Choirs and Chamber Choir (Semester grade is lowered should a student fail to attend)

- Students are to report to the “jock lot” bus loading area at Napa High in **formal choir outfit** for transport by school bus to Mont La Salle:

3 rd Period Concert Choir	11:45A.M.
5 th Period Chamber Choir	11:45A.M.
4 th Period Concert Choir	12:45P.M.

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- **Students will be returned to the “jock lot” bus loading area by 7:00P.M.** though they may ride back with their parents on the shuttle buses to either Redwood Middle School, Browns Valley School or the First Baptist Church (Crosswalk Community Church) parking lots after the conclusion of the **second seating** performance (see **SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE** that is a part of this mailing!)
- Students may bring food, beverages, homework, a book to read, table games, etc. to pass the time when they are waiting to perform. But, please do not have your child bring anything valuable – This event will involve 200+ students and with no place to lock or store items!
- Two identical concerts are performed at **2:30P.M. (FIRST SEATING)** and **5:00P.M. (SECOND SEATING)**

CONCERT TICKET AVAILABILITY

- **Season Tickets** which include seats to the Fall Concert on either October 19 or 20 will be handed out the week of October 10-14 for students to take home to their parents that ordered season tickets;
- Tickets for both the October 19 and 20 concerts in the Auditorium are still available – **cash** or **check** made payable to **NAPA HIGH CHOIR** will be accepted as payment. Individual reserved seat tickets to both concerts are \$15.00 each;
- There are approximately 100 tickets left for both the 2:30P.M. and 5:00P.M. SEATINGS for the Mont La Salle performances on **Sunday, October 23**. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available in advance at the music office - \$10.00 of each ticket sold goes into your child's individual student account. **Cash** or **Check** made payable to **NAPA HIGH CHORAL BOOSTERS** will be accepted as payment.

CHOIR OUTFIT INFORMATION

Outfit payments were due last Thursday (September 29).

- **All Women who ordered a choir dress** need to turn in or have earned in their accounts **\$65.00** for the dress. Women provide their own **black dress closed-toe shoes, and black nylons (“knee highs” are acceptable)** – **Dresses may be picked up AS SOON AS THEY ARE PAID FOR** from Gina DeLuca in the Music Office!
- **Concert Choir and Chamber Choir Men (3rd, 4th and 5th period students)** – those who are in a Concert Choir for the first time this year need to turn in or have earned in their accounts **\$70.00** to cover the purchase of the shirt and rental of the tuxedo unit (jacket, pants, cummerbund and bow tie).

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- Those who still have a useable shirt from previous years need to turn in or have earned in their accounts **\$50.00** for the tux unit rental. \$20.00 of the rental cost is a deposit which is refunded to students' accounts when the tuxedo is returned, in good condition, at the end of the school year. Men provide their own **black DRESS shoes and black DRESS socks**. **Tuxedo fitting will occur later this week. Tuxes and shirts may be taken home after that AS SOON AS THEY ARE PAID FOR in the Music Office!**
- **Men's Choir Men (2nd Period students)** owe no money as they provide their own outfit (listed on the first page of this letter).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING OUTFITS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- If paying by check for your choir outfit, make checks payable to **NAPA HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL BOOSTERS** with the students' name and item(s) being paid for (i.e. "John Smith – tux deposit). Any questions concerning outfit purchase and tux rental may be directed to Gina DeLuca, Mr. Rogers or Mr. Butler by phoning 253-3705 or emailing trogers@nvusd.k12.ca.us
- **NO JEWELRY** (except for very small earrings and/or watches), attachments or other "extra" items are allowed as part of the performing outfit. **NO** funny colored hair or hair sparkles. Non-compliance with this policy may result in a student being removed from a performance with the subsequent grading penalties. **Outfits will be checked** at the dress rehearsals and each performance for compliance. Hair is to be fixed so that the face and eyes are not covered up or difficult to see.
- Students are responsible to clean (wrinkle-free please!) their outfits – we regularly sing in front of many hundreds of people at each public performance and competition appearance, so we wish for all involved to look their very best! The dresses and tuxedo shirts are washable. The tuxedo (pants and jacket) is "dry clean" only.

Finally, the **program advertising sale deadline** for the Fall Concert printed program and season "deal" is **this week**. Ads may be sold after this date for the remaining concert programs for the rest of the school year. Also, please read the other enclosures in this mailing!

Students have been working hard and the performances listed in this letter represent opportunities for each class to show to you and the general public what we've been learning. Parents – we hope you can see your child sing at least once this month! We look forward to seeing you at our concert performances!

Sincerely,

Travis Rogers
NHS Choral Music Instructor

CONCERT SECURITY & POLICIES

Napa High Choir Concerts are “major exams” for our choir classes – the opportunity to show the public what we’ve been learning in class. We, as Directors, make every effort to setup each student and the entire choral music program for maximum success which is displayed during our concerts.

We have a beautiful facility, The NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORIUM which is located in the center portion of the old NAPA UNION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING on the corner of Lincoln and Jefferson Street at 2425 Jefferson Street. The Auditorium was recently renovated and features technologically advanced and expensive lights, sound equipment, staging and a world class piano. Up to 620 audience members can attend performances in this space that features great acoustics to hear choral singing.

To take care of the building and insure its continued use for future generations of student and community performers and to keep our own student performers safe and secure, the following will be in force for classtimes, rehearsals and performances that take place in the Auditorium:

- Students should not bring anything valuable to concerts – there is no secure locking facility;
- **No food or drink** (including bottled water) is ever allowed in the Auditorium itself – students **can** consume food and beverages in the backstage area – clean up immediately!
- The Auditorium piano can only be played with permission from Mr. Butler or Mr. Rogers;
- Students are to remain in **complete choir outfit** at concerts and dress rehearsals for the **entire time** that they are in attendance;
- No one other than performers and NHS staff members are allowed in the backstage area. “Outsiders” (including parents) will be asked to leave. Student performers, for your own safety and security, do NOT invite anybody backstage or onto the patio area/parking lots immediately outside the backstage before, during, or immediately after a concert;
- A staff supervised quiet study room is set aside on the second (balcony) level of the Auditorium that is furnished with tables and chairs. Students may bring homework and study in this room when they are not actually on the risers performing at times designated by the Directors;
- Students involved in Napa High School sponsored sports practices, games or matches will be excused for a “late checkin” by notifying **Mr. Butler** and/or **Mr. Rogers in advance** – this procedure will be explained in detail in each choir class;
- On occasion, students may leave a concert immediately after they do their last singing. If and when students are allowed to leave early before a concert concludes, the choir directors will estimate the time that they expect that each class will be done with their part of the concert and communicate this time to the students. Students may elect to stay and listen to the remaining performing choirs and earn extra credit. To get the extra credit, students need to stay inside the Auditorium, listening courteously and then sign out with Mr. Butler on the front risers of the Auditorium immediately after the conclusion of the concert.