

2011-2012 ASD Honor Choir

August 12, 2011

Dear Family:

All fifth and sixth grade students are eligible to audition for the 2011-2012 Anchorage School District Honor Choir. The attached form is the audition sheet. It should be filled out prior to the audition, signed by the classroom music teacher and the parent/guardian. Bring the form to the audition to give to the adjudicator at the audition. In order to be considered, your student must attend one of the following auditions:

Auditions

November 2, 2011	Bowman Elementary	4:30-6:00 P.M.
November 2, 2011	Homestead Elementary	4:30-6:00 P.M.
November 3, 2011	Begich Middle School	4:30-6:00 P.M.

Please note: Students are not required to be at the audition site for the entire two hours allotted. Upon arrival, students check in and are directed to an audition room. Once inside that room, the audition itself takes approximately 5 minutes.

Your classroom music teacher will disclose results of the audition in late November. If your child is accepted as one of the approximately 100 students in the Anchorage School District Honor Choir, you must ensure that they will attend and be on time to the following rehearsals, dress rehearsal and concert with no unexcused absences:

Rehearsals

Jan. 5 – Feb. 23, 2012 (All Thursdays)	Begich Band Room	4:15-5:45 p.m.
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Dress Rehearsal

February 29, 2012 (Wednesday)	West High School Auditorium	4:15-6:00 p.m.
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Concert

March 1, 2012 (Thursday)	West High School Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
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students will need to arrive earlier – time will be set at a later date

Any questions should be directed to your student's classroom music teacher. Thank you for supporting music education and this fantastic performance opportunity. Music makes a big difference in children's lives.

Sincerely,
Frank Hauser
ASD Music Supervisor

Honor Choir Audition Practice Sheets

Be confident, relax and have fun!

Choose either America, or America the Beautiful,
or Take Me Out to the Ballgame to sing for your audition:

America

My coun - try 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
5 of thee I sing. Land where my fa - thers died,
9 land of the pil - grims' pride, from ev - ry - moun - tain - side,
13 let - free - dom ring!

America, the Beautiful

o beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain. For
5 pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain! A -
9 mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee. And
13 crown thy good with broth - er - hood, from sea to shin - ing sea!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game. Take me out with the
7 crowd. - - - Buy me some pea - nuts and crack - er - jack.
13 I don't care if we nev - er get back. Let me root, root, root for the
19 home team. If they don't win it's a shame. - - - For it's
25 one, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game.

∞ Sing a C Major scale up and down using either solfege , numbers or neutral syllables:

do re mi fa sol la ti do do ti la sol fa mi re do

∞ Sing 'This Land is Your Land' while an adjudicator sings harmony. Both the melody and counter melody are shown below.

This Land is Your Land

Musical score for 'This Land is Your Land' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'This land is your land, - - this land is my land, - from Ca - li - for - nia, - - - to the New York is - land, - from the red - wood for - est, _____ to the gulf stream wa - ters, - - - this land was made for you and me.'

Counter Melody

Counter melody for 'This Land is Your Land' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'This land is your land, this land is mine, from Maine to Mon-ta - na, des - ert to the shore. We sing that this land is your land, this land is mine. Yes, it's made for you and me.'

∞ You will be asked to match pitches given by a set of tone bells and sung by the adjudicator. The pitches you will hear will be intervals and you should sing them back exactly as they were played and sung for you. Here are some examples: G-E (descending); C-F (ascending); C-C' (ascending); C-G (ascending); and C-A (ascending).

