



May 15, 2020

Dear Junior Honors Choir ***New Candidate*** and PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S),

Congratulations! Your music teacher has recommended you as a **CANDIDATE** for the *York County Junior Honors Choir (JHC)* 19th Season. This recommendation signifies that you exhibit an excellent ability to match pitches and to maintain good intonation. In addition, you possess a fundamental ability to read and follow written music and most importantly, you show a willingness to work hard and cooperate with others.

It is important that you realize not all candidates will be selected for this choir. A successful audition on November 7 and January 9 are required. However, previous parents and students have spoken highly of the educational value our audition process offers ~ we teach vocal technique, sight reading, solfeggio, tonal and rhythmic patterns, effective practicing techniques, steps to learning a new piece of music, understanding audition anxiety, stage presence, and most crucial, learning to work as a community. Homeschooled students, in addition to your registration form, you will need to mail a personal reference to York County Honors Choirs, PO Box 827, York, PA 17405.

Who are we? This select group is open to singers in grades 7 – 9 (home schooled students must be age 12). Our concert program will include ethnic, classical, sacred, *a cappella*, spirituals, vocal jazz, as well as show and pop music with minimal choreography. Our goal is to present a polished, professional performance that moves quickly and will engage AND educate our audience. For more information about the program, please see the Junior Honors Choir (*JHC*) handbook located on the Honors Choirs website Student Center page: www.theychc.org/Student-Center.html

Financial Requirements: The financial obligation for this opportunity will be \$260: a non-refundable registration fee of \$40 is required by September 30 to audition, and a remaining \$120 tuition and \$100 formal outfit fee will be payable after your successful audition. If for any reason you cannot meet the financial requirements, please see our website www.theYCHC.org, and click on “Forms” and select “Scholarship Request Form for Tuition/Outfit” to complete the necessary paperwork. No one will be turned away because of financial challenges and your information will be kept confidential.

Performance Attire: After a successful audition, there will be an additional cost on the day of your fitting on Saturday, November 21 for your formal performance attire. Cost for a complete Honors Choirs outfit is \$100. Details about outfits will be given at the mandatory orientation meeting on October 11.

Orientation Meeting: A mandatory parent/guardian and student orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2020, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the JHC Rehearsal Location: Zion United Methodist Church, 1030 Carlisle Road, York, PA 17404. You will receive audition sheet music and rehearsal music download instructions; sing through the audition music with Mrs. Donna Knott, Director and Mrs. Sue Feldmann, Associate Director; solidify your voice part; and evaluate the solfeggio, hand signs and tonal and rhythmic patterns you will be asked to learn from our website starting in August. You will hear from past choir parents and students, learn more about the organization, have questions answered, and meet the Junior Honors Choir staff.

Schedule and Attendance Policy: Please study the attached schedule/attendance policy carefully. Students will be expected to be present for all rehearsals and performances. If your youth needs to miss more than the 3 allotted absences (indicated with *), please reconsider your participation in *JHC*. If there is a conflict with your *school's* calendar, you will be excused from *JHC*; however, this *will* count toward the allotted absences. You may miss only 1 of the 5 rehearsals in January and February for school conflicts only. Please thoroughly check the *JHC* dates with your SCHOOL calendar ~ concert and tour dates, musical rehearsals, productions, sports, etc. You will be expected to arrange your work and family schedule (vacations, etc.) so that you can be a dependable, consistent member of the choir. If registering, please print the *JHC* schedule and pencil the dates onto your calendar.

Communication: will begin August 4th on the York County Honors Choirs website: www.theYCHC.org/Student-Center.html. Text reminders (through Remind.com) will be sent to you when an update has been posted on the website. Please check the website for messages from director Donna Knott on a WEEKLY basis beginning August 4th. Please keep Donna Knott's email tdknott@comcast.net in your address book.

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Included in your registration packet:

Your choral director has emailed a packet to you that includes

- 1) this letter of invitation with online registration instructions,
- 2) the *JHC* season schedule, and
- 3) names of the current season's *JHC* students by district.

TO REGISTER:

1. Visit the York County Honors Choirs website: www.theYCHC.org/Student-Center.html
2. Review this NEW CANDIDATE packet here or on the website. (After registering, please place scheduled dates on your calendar.)
3. Click on *New Candidate Online Registration Form and Fee Payment*.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Honors Choirs office at admin@theYCHC.org or 717-417-4621.

June 30: Requested online registration due date.

September 30: Non-refundable \$40 registration fee due in order to continue with the audition process.

We hope you will be interested in York County Junior Honors Choir (*JHC*)! Again, congratulations on your nomination! We look forward to meeting you and your youth at Orientation on October 11. If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact a *JHC* parent from your school district (*JHC* student names are included in this packet) or Donna Knott at tdknott@comcast.net, or visit our website at www.theYCHC.org.

Sincerely,

Donna Knott, Director, York County Junior Honors Choir

Sue Feldmann, Associate Director

York County Junior Honors Choir Schedule 2020-2021

STUDENT SCHEDULE

As of May 1, 2020

Please print and place scheduled dates on your calendar

* Counts towards 3 excused absences for the season.

PRE-SEASON

May 15	2020-2021 Registration begins	
June 30	Requested online registration due date	
September 30	Requested online registration payment due	
October 11	Orientation (Parent must attend)	1:00 – 5:00 PM
October 12, Monday	<u>Optional</u> Music Marking Choice #1	6:00 – 8:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)
October 14, Wednesday	<u>Optional</u> Music Marking Choice #2	6:00 – 8:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)
October 27, Tuesday	<u>Optional</u> Rehearsal	6:00 – 8:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)
November 7	Audition #1 (Parent must attend)	90 minutes sometime between 9:00 – 4:00 PM
November 9	Pick up music & <u>Optional</u> Music Marking Choice #1	6:00 – 8:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)
November 11	Pick up music & <u>Optional</u> Music Marking Choice #2	6:00 – 8:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)
* November 21	Mandatory Fitting (Parent must attend)	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (1 hour sometime between)
	<u>Optional</u> Rehearsal	9:00 – 12:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)
	Mandatory girls make-up & hair tutorial	12:30 – 1:00 PM (parent welcome)
	* Ice Breaker	1:00 – 3:15 PM (mandatory)
December 12	<u>Optional</u> Rehearsal	9:00 – 12:00 PM (<u>optional</u> , strongly encouraged)

REHEARSAL SEASON: You may miss only 1 of 5 rehearsals for school events only please. This will count towards your 3 absences.

January 9	Choir Audition #2 Parent must attend	8:30 – 6:00 PM (2 hrs. between)
* January 10	Rehearsal #1	1:30 – 4:30 PM
* January 17	Rehearsal #2	1:30 – 4:30 PM
* January 24	Rehearsal #3	1:30 – 4:30 PM
* January 30	Snow make up (only used if a prior rehearsal is canceled due to snow)	1:30 – 5:30 PM
* January 31	Rehearsal #4	1:30 – 4:30 PM
* February 7	Rehearsal #5	1:30 – 4:30 PM

CONCERT SEASON:

* February 13	Concert	7:00 PM (3:00 arrive, 6:00 photo)
* February 28	Concert	3:00 PM
* March 13-14	Potential Trip	Weekend
* March 27	York County Elementary Choral Festival (YCECF)	10:00 AM – 4:15 PM
* April 18	Concert	3:00 PM
* May 2	9 th Grade Recognition Concert	3:00 PM
* May 23	Distinguished Young Women DYW Concert	Afternoon 11AM – 5 PM
* June 6	End of year concert/Concert	6:30 PM

LAST Name	FIRST Name	Grade in 2019-20	School District
Clementoni	Maya	8	Central
Forrey	Ava	8	Central
Fortson	Alivia	8	Central
Kane	Anusha	8	Central
Kessler	Zach	8	Central
Kiefer	Catie	8	Central
Leader	Emmy	8	Central
Milsten	Rachel	7	Central
Mitchell	Nate	8	Central
Prabhu	Priyal	7	Central
Trilok	Shriya	7	Central
Repasky	Abigail	7	Christian School of York
Aiosa	Jackson	7	Dallastown
Bernadzikowski	Maddie	7	Dallastown
Fusillo	Gabriel	7	Dallastown
Fusillo	Giovanni	8	Dallastown
Gist	Ava	8	Dallastown
Insalaco	Lydia	8	Dallastown
Joseph	Aiden	8	Dallastown
Markel	Ava	9	Dallastown
Mastromatteo	Roman	7	Dallastown
Papayannis	Sophia	7	Dallastown
Smith	Aleesia	9	Dallastown
Smith	Anna	9	Dallastown
Spangler	McKenna	8	Dallastown
Strayer	Corey	9	Dallastown
Toomer	Kaeden	8	Dallastown
White	Emma	9	Dallastown
Woods, III	TJ	8	Dallastown
Wynkoop	Lilly	8	Dallastown
Carpenter	Grace	9	Dover
Laird	Caitlyn	9	Dover
Mailey	Clare	8	Dover
Perkins	Daniel	9	Dover
Repp III	Bobby	9	Dover
Snelbaker	Kylie	9	Dover
Gipe	Jordan	9	Eastern
McCoy	Tracy	8	Eastern
Richardson	Khloe	7	Eastern
Gill	Katie	8	Homeschool

LAST Name	FIRST Name	Grade in 2019-20	School District
Brosi	Luke	9	Lancaster Country Day
Metzler	Caleb	9	Lancaster Mennonite
Smock	Tyger	9	Logos Academy
Erdley	Seth	9	Northeastern
Gartner	Gianna	9	Northeastern
Leshar	Sarah	8	Northeastern
McDonald	Jonah	8	Northeastern
Sutherland	Bekah	9	Northeastern
Wertz	Rachael	9	Northeastern
Wertz	Rebekah	7	Northeastern
Bissell	Josh	9	Northern
Smacher	Christian	7	Northern
Baldwin	Hailey	7	Red Lion
Farwell	Emerson	7	Red Lion
Golden	Maddie	7	Red Lion
Keehner	Trinity	8	Red Lion
Kelly	Laken	8	Red Lion
McQueen	Connor	7	Red Lion
Reppert	Madi	7	Red Lion
Trautfelter	Kaitlyn	8	Red Lion
Silva	Aiden	7	South Eastern
Bell	Hannah	8	South Western
Diener	Kaitlyn	7	South Western
Funk	Jenna	8	South Western
Laudicina	Amelia	7	South Western
Moore	Maryellen	7	South Western
Neuhaus	Leah	7	South Western
O'Brien	Matt	9	Southern
Buhrman	Lucas	7	Spring Grove
Tyson	Ashlyn	8	Spring Grove
Colon	Alyssa	9	West York
Schmitt	Scotlyn	8	West York
Miller	Wyatt	7	York Catholic

LAST Name	FIRST Name	Grade in 2019-20	School District
Jennings	Julianna	9	York City
Miller	Aidan	9	York County School of Technology
Geeting	Aaron	7	York Suburban
Hershey	Kristin	8	York Suburban
Kelley	Micah	7	York Suburban
Nolan	Brayden	7	York Suburban
Scalet	Sophia	7	York Suburban
Shorb	Megan	9	York Suburban
Sullivan	Finn	8	York Suburban
West	Rebecca	8	York Suburban
Youcheff	Noah	9	York Suburban