



**Arlington
Public
Schools**

**Office of Academics
Arts Education
Fall 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade Students,

Your child is encouraged to audition for the Middle School Honors Chorus. The director of the Middle School Honors Chorus is Christian Banach and the accompanist is Nadim Nader.

- Auditions are scheduled for **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**, at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA 22204
- **Check in for all students begins 15 minutes before the assigned audition slot.** Registration times will be selected on the online registration form. Please sign up for the times indicated above.
- **If unable to come at the designated time, sign up for a different time slot.**
- 6th graders who are accepted into the Honors Chorus may also participate in the Junior Honors Band or Junior Honors Orchestra, after a successful audition
- 7th and 8th graders may choose to participate in **only one** of these groups: Honors Band, Honors Orchestra, or Honors Chorus
- Students are free to leave once their audition is over
- All students will be notified of the results within two weeks by email
- Concert performance attire is white shirts and either black pants or skirt

Students may access the audition music from: <https://bit.ly/APSHonorsMusic> to hear and see the music range that best matches their voice. Please see the blue "accordion" section to see whether they match the high or low voice range and to prepare the appropriate audition music ahead of time. The auditions will be “blind” - the student will not be seen by the adjudicators.

- Please go to Honors Website to access the online registration form: <https://bit.ly/APSHonorsMusic> OR <https://www.apsva.us/curriculum/arts-education/honors-music-band-chorus-orchestra/>
- Or go directly to the registration form at this link: <https://forms.gle/PLuanAnCGKKCFyQk9> or <https://bit.ly/23-24MSHCRegistration>

While pre-registration ensures accuracy in data collection and helps us run the auditions more efficiently, no student will be disqualified from auditioning if they do not register in advance.

Rehearsal and Concert Schedule - Attendance at all rehearsals is required

- **Rehearsal, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, 5:30-8:00 PM - Kenmore MS**
- **Rehearsal, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, 5:30-8:00 PM - Kenmore MS**
- **Rehearsal, Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, 5:30-8:30 PM - Kenmore MS**
- **Dress Rehearsals, Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 2:00-3:30 PM - Kenmore MS**
- **In the event of a snow day, dress rehearsals on Saturday, January 27 may be lengthened**
- **Concert – Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, 4:00 PM – Kenmore MS**
- **Snow Make-Up Date for the concert is Monday, January 29, 2024, 7:00 PM, Kenmore MS**

Questions? Please contact your school's choral teacher or Chris Monroy at christopher.monroy@apsva.us, 703-228-6299.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pam Farrell,
Supervisor of Arts Education

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