Agenda for Fall 2023 Elem / Middle School Honor Choir <u>www.tpsmea.org</u> <u>https://www.opusevent.com/#AuditionAnchor</u>

Objective: Audition and seat North and South 5th/6th Grade and 7th/eighth grade choirs

1. Join TPSMEA

- 1. New and Returning members register before September 1 \$75
- 2. Returning members after September 1 \$100

2. Order resources

Help tracks from Bass Productions jrutherford@prestonwoodchristian.org

Octavos from your favorite music dealer

* MP3 of the audition cuts will be made available to every member, regardless if the music tracks were ordered.

3. Test recording equipment and space

Don't wait until the last minute to figure out how to record! Experiment with placement of the playback source and microphone. You do not need to 'slate' or record any identifying content.

TIP: As soon as OPUS goes live, go ahead and enter your students. You can do this BEFORE you record. It is easy to delete students if they don't ultimately prepare an audition.

Your final file to be uploaded MUST be an MP3! Regardless of what the website says - MP3 only.

Name your file anyway you want, just make it clear. STUDENT NAME - TITLE works.

4. Timing

Audition cuts will be announced the morning of September 8th. The deadline to upload your audition files will be Tuesday, October 3rd. Judging will happen remotely. If you have students entered, you MUST be available to judge. There will be more info on HOW once all auditions are entered. The main thing is to reserve some time between October 6 - 9. You are asked to judge the section in one block of time (don't listen to 10, go teach a class, listen to another 15, head to Starbucks, etc).

5. SIDE NOTE ABOUT Children's Honor Choir

You may enter up to 15% of your school's grade level enrollment. If you have 100 5th graders, bring up to 15 singers. If you additionally have another 100 students in the 6th grade, bring another 15 singers. PLEASE bring a balanced group of singers who have spent time being familiar with the music. The more prepared they are, the more positive experience it will be for everyone. There is usually some time spent on section rehearsals at the beginning of the honor choir weekend.

6. Honor Choir Weekend

South - November 3/4

Site: Willow Meadows Church - 4300 W. Bellfort Ave, Houston, TX. 77035

Elem Clinician - Sam Mansour - <u>mmansour1@kleinisd.net</u> MSHC - Cherith Wells - cwells@gatesvilleisd.org

North - November 10/11

Site: TAFA hosting at **Lake Church** - 2912 Little Rd. Arlington, TX. 76016 Elem Honor: Dr. Melanie Brooks - <u>drmelbrooks@gmail.com</u> MSHC - Colton Blake - <u>coltonblake08@gmail.com</u>

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