

**Middle School All-District Chorus  
Guide Sheet for Directors  
2019**

This is a list of information that hopefully will be a quick reference to anything you may need. If you think of something that needs to be added to this sheet, please let me know!

**All-District Choir Page:**

Conductor: Dr. Malcolm J. Merriweather  
Accompanist: Pam Sottosanti  
Site Host: Dominick Izzo  
District Representative: McKenna Stenson  
High School Chair: Kelly Kingett  
Middle School Chair: Colleen Wells  
Middle School Day of Chair: Alicia Brodt

Where: Osbourne Park High School - 8909 Euclid Ave, Manassas, VA 20111  
When: Friday, February 8, 2019 and Saturday, February 9, 2019  
Times: Start time Friday: 9:45 arrival (we know about the bus issue)/10:00 a.m.  
End time Friday: 5:00 p.m.  
Start time Saturday: Arrival 8:45 for 9:00 a.m. start  
Concert for Middle School: 2:00 p.m.

**From Dr. Merriweather:** Please download the director's notes attached to this email or also posted on <https://www.vcda9.org/all-district-event.html>.

**Repertoire List:**

If Music Be the Food of Love arr. Gregg Smith SATB  
Stabat Mater by Pergolesi SA  
The Drinking Gourd by Andre Thomas SATB  
Will The Rain Fall Down by Braeden Ayers T/B and percussion  
Seal Lullaby by Eric Whitacre SATB  
You'll Never Walk Alone arr. Mark Hayes SATB

## Our responsibilities:

### Before the event:

- **Order Music:** Order music from The Musical Source in Chantilly (703-657-0055). Ask for the Virginia District IX Middle School Chorus, and know how many directors', girls', and boys' packets you need. The full packet is \$9.28, the girls' packet is \$7.48, and the boys' packet is \$7.72 before shipping. One of the pieces, *If Music Be the Food of Love*, is attached and must be copied for your students.
- **Buses:** Reserve buses if you are using them.
- **Practice Tracks:** They are forthcoming and should be available early next week. Look for another email with that information.
- **Permission Slips:** Write, distribute, and collect a permission slip for the event according to our own school's policy. That is an in-house responsibility. The people running the event do not need those forms.
- **Commitment Form:** Download the form the NEW MS Commitment Form attached. Send with your permission forms for kids to sign. **Deadline is January 28.**
- **Lunches:** Order lunches for our kids on the spreadsheet (forthcoming by HS). Lunches are usually \$5. Lunch information is forthcoming. Students may bring their own lunch if they prefer.
- **Financial Forms:** Send in the MS financial form to Colleen Wells at Saint Francis and make the check made payable to Colgan High School. It is **due Monday, January 28.**
- **School Nurse:** Contact the school nurse with the students names to be made aware of any health issues/medicines our students may need to be addressed the day of the event.
- **Students Should Bring:** Remind students to bring their water bottles, music, and pencils, money for snacks, or snacks. If they need a cell phone to contact parents later, it must remain out of sight during the entire event.
- **Attire:** Remind students what to wear--casual clothes on Friday and concert attire on Saturday. They may want to wear layers on Friday. There will be a lot of bodies in there!
- **Folders:** In the event students must perform a piece with music, bring black folders for them. Ultimately, all music should be memorized prior to the event.

### WHAT TO TELL KIDS TO WEAR (SATURDAY ONLY):

## Ladies

- \*Black Dress Pants or black skirt (knee length or longer)
- \*Solid, White Top/Blouse (Long sleeve with an appropriate neckline)
- \*Black dress shoes with black trouser socks or black hosiery

## Gentlemen

- \*Black Dress Slacks
- \*Solid, White Button-Down Long Sleeve (Oxford style) Shirt
- \*Tie (Dark)
- \*Black Dress Shoes with BLACK SOCKS (No White socks please!)

## **During the event:**

- **Teacher Meals:** Osbourne Park parents/boosters will be feeding the teachers at this event. Any cash donation amount we can give toward this endeavor would be appreciated and will benefit a fellow director's program. We can bring our cash on the event days.
- **Teacher Responsibilities:** Please be **VISIBLE** and all hands on deck with breaks, lunches for the choir, and any other needs we see throughout the days of the event. Help is not only appreciated, it is necessary for a smooth running event! Go team! A more specific teacher duty schedule will be sent out closer to the event.

Please let me know if I can help with any questions, comments or concerns. As always, feedback is always appreciated as we all want this event to run smoothly.

Questions? Please contact Colleen Wells [cwells@stfrncis.org](mailto:cwells@stfrncis.org)