



January 2009

Dear Choir parents,

We have started our preparation for Choral Festival. For those of you who are new to Choir, Choral Festival is an opportunity for our choirs to demonstrate our vocal & sight-singing abilities to a set of adjudicators, and be graded by them. We also get a clinic time, where one of the adjudicators works with the choir to improve their performance. The purpose of doing this is two-fold. One, it is a great opportunity for our students to hone their craft, and get to see other choirs of their peers performing. Two, it is good for our vocal music program to be sure we are meeting expected goals, and to get suggestions from an outside source of experienced choral teachers to improve our program.

As you know, OHMI has two branches. We will be combining the choirs from both branches into one choir for Festival. The choirs have been rehearsing separately, but the closer we get to festival, they will need some combined rehearsals. The dates of the combined rehearsals are below. I ask that you make every effort to get your student to as many as possible. I understand you may have other time conflicts, but please do what you can. They need to come to a minimum of one combined rehearsal to the other branch. One of those rehearsals will have a clinician coming to work with the choir to prepare us for Festival. That rehearsal is especially important for all students to be there. I will let you know when that is as soon as it is scheduled. When we get closer to those dates, I will send home a map so you will know where to go for the other branch rehearsal, or you can check the website. Our combined concert is at the same location (Waterford Kettering HS Performing Arts Center) as Choral Festival.

OHMI Waterford Combined Rehearsals

February 15th, 22nd March 1st **3:30 – 4:45 pm**

First General Baptist of Waterford

Combined Concert February 26th at 7 pm

at Waterford Kettering Performing Arts Center

OHMI Troy Combined rehearsals

February 16th, 23rd, March 2nd **12:55 – 2:10 pm**

Bridge Community Church

Combined Concert February 26th at 7 pm

at Waterford Kettering Performing Arts Center

Date of Choral Festival – Wednesday, March 3rd – I will not know exact time until about 3 weeks before when it is scheduled. It is during the day between 8 am – 5 pm at Waterford Kettering HS. I will

let you know as soon as I receive the schedule. Please keep that date open – we need every member of the choir there. I want this to be a positive experience for the choir, so they need to be as prepared as possible. The MS Chorus has seen many benefits from attending, and really enjoyed the experience. For the past 2 years we have qualified for and attended State Choral Festival. I would like to see the choir do as well again this year. Any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your help and support,

Mrs. Beard

**OHMI Waterford: First General Baptist Church of Waterford - 2933 Frembes Rd.
Waterford 48329 (Frembes, south of Dixie Hwy.)**

**OHMI Troy: Bridge Community Church, 5700 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI 48085
(on Rochester Rd. between Square Lake Rd. & Long Lake Rd.)**