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Sanford H. Calhoun High School Music Department

Calhoun Choral Program

Concert Choir/ Chorale/ "Crescendo"

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Dear Parents and Students,

As the Winter Concert approaches, this letter contains some important information. Please keep it handy to answer some questions you may have.

The date of the Winter Concert is **Wednesday, December 12th**. Please remember that performance at the concert is *mandatory* for all students. The concert begins at 7:30pm; the reporting time for all choral students is no later than 7:00pm .

Chorale will be the 1st choral group to perform, "Crescendo" will be the next choral group, and the Concert Choir will be the the final choral group. Of course, the instrumental groups will alternate with the choral groups. As with past Winter Concerts, the Wind Ensemble, Chorale, and Concert Choir will close the concert with a combined "grand finale".

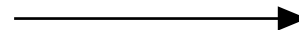
In the past, Mr. Tumminelli and I have worked hard to make the concert flow. We've had great success in keeping the audience until the end of the concert. If you must leave early and your child only performs in the first half of the concert, I ask that you leave during the intermission only, so as not to distract the performers and make for a more professional concert.

The concert dress is as follows:

<u>Chorale-</u>	Men: Black Slacks Black Collared Shirt Black Shoes Black Socks	Women: Black Skirt (knee length or lower) or Black Pants Black Top (no imprints/ no 'baby-t's'/ no bare midriiffs/ no spaghetti-straps) Black Tights/ Stockings/ Socks Black Shoes (NO high spike heels/ NO open heel for safety)
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<u>Concert Choirs-</u> (Under Robes)	Men: Black Slacks White Dress Shirt (long sleeve) Black Socks and Shoes Any Color Long Tie	Women: Clothing that cannot be seen w/ robe on Black or Tan Color Tights/ Stockings Black Shoes (NO high spike heels/ NO open heel for safety)
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"Crescendo"- Costumes have been discussed in rehearsal.



A uniform look is essential to the professionalism of the group. Therefore I will not allow a member of any group to perform if he or she is dressed inappropriately. In many cases, as in footwear, this is a safety precaution; in other cases, this decision is made to be fair to the rest of the group. If you have a question about clothing, please bring it in and ask (some students have already done so). Your attention to detail will be greatly appreciated.

A working dress rehearsal for all choral dept. students will be scheduled for **Monday, December 10th from 6:00-8:30pm** in the Calhoun auditorium. This will be the final opportunity to rehearse on the choral risers, to practice entering and leaving the stage, and it will be a chance for each group to see what the others are doing.

The school's policy on photography and video at concerts follows. I ask that audience members do not come down the aisles to the front row in order to photograph or video their child. Firstly, it is dangerous (there will be sound and light power cables everywhere that the students have practiced navigating). Secondly, it is extremely distracting for both the singers (who are nervous enough) and the rest of the audience. If you must video/photograph, please do it from the rear half of the auditorium. This will make for a more professional concert that all the students have worked very hard to perfect. I thank you in advance.

I hope that when you hear the groups perform in December you will be as proud of them as I am.

In Music,

Mr. Sanford Sardo
Director of Choral Activities,
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