**TN Honors Choir Information Letter**

Dear Parents,

 Below is detailed information regarding Tennessee Middle School Honors Choir. I encourage all 7th/8th grade PSMS Chorus students to audition. Hopefully this will answer any questions you might have about the audition process. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions! The deadline to register for Honors Choir is September 27th.

 Thank you,

 Ms. Francis

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 Every year, MTVA holds open auditions for Tennessee Middle School Honors Choir. Every middle school student in Tennessee has the opportunity to audition. The audition fee is **7 dollars** per student**.** The audition process includes individual students sending in a recording of “***My Country ‘Tis of Thee”* sung a cappella. They must also sing their part on a Latin piece which will be rehearsed during class. The deadline to sign up and register for Honors Choir auditions is September 27th**. **Honors choir audition recordings will be made by appointment only during the second week of fall break. All audition recordings are due by October 27th.** Recording equipment is provided by the Prescott Music Department. Although My Country ‘Tis of Thee and the selected Latin piece will be rehearsed during students’ encores, it is the responsibility of the student to rehearse outside of class in order to prepare for the audition recordings. Audition recordings will be submitted in October and students will be selected in November. Students who are selected for Middle School Honors Choir will attend the Honors Choir event all day **in Nashville on Tuesday, January 16th.** At the event, students will get to sing with the best middle school singers of Tennessee with a guest conductor. If a student makes Honors Choir, Ms. Francis will purchase the music for the event (roughly $10). It is the responsibility of each student to learn their honors choir music independently (with the assistance of vocal tracks and sheet music). Students will also be required to rehearse with Ms. Francis 2-3 times prior to the festival itself. This event has already been approved by administration and all students selected will have an excused absence for the festival. However, it is the responsibility of the student to discuss missed class work with their core teachers prior to the event. Parents of choir members are invited to attend the final performance concert of the Middle School Honors Choir in Nashville, TN. It is the responsibility of each student/ parent to provide concert attire, two meals, and transportation to and from Nashville the day of the event.

**Tennessee Honors Choir Dates:**

Deadline for audition payment/ sign up: September 27th

MTVA Honors Choir Recording Date: October 9 – 13th (by appointment only)

MTVA Results: November

MTVA Event Date: Tuesday, January 16th