

## MEMORIAL SHOW CHOIR/MADS AUDITION INFO

Thanks for your interest in show choir/mads at Memorial. The purpose of this form is to help you and your parents to understand our audition procedure.

### What do I need to do?

- 1- Sign up for a five minute vocal audition spot; auditions will be held after school with a few select other openings the week of April 25-29
- 2- Come prepared to sing (a cappella) the best 1 minute (or 1 verse) of your festival solo. If this went poorly at festival you may substitute another song.
- 3- Practice your sight-reading. You will be asked to sight sing an example taken from our SR series that you won't see until the audition.
- 4- Know your key signatures. You will be asked to identify several key signatures and place DO on the staff.
- 5- Know your commitments. We plan to compete about 5 times with OASC and 3-4 times with Eagle SC. The Madrigals are traditionally very much in demand in December and can perform up to 20 times besides the Tudor Dinner. To be fair to everyone auditioning, you need to be honest about your level of commitment when you audition.
- 6- Camp dates are Aug 8-12 for OASC and August 1-5 for Eagle. Please reserve these dates NOW.
- 7- **Don't forget the dance audition on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30.** Plan ahead - no exceptions will be made.

### How many people will be selected?

We have a policy of placing everyone somewhere if you will take the spot we give you. That said; Madrigals will be 18-20 evenly balanced, OASC will hopefully be 35-45 evenly balanced and Eagle SC we hope to have at least 40.

### What will the directors be looking for?

- 1- Good intonation
- 2- Strong, developed tone
- 3- Strong solfege skills
- 4- Academics 3.0 or better
- 5- Private voice, piano or dance lessons are a plus
- 6- Good attitude and commitment
- 7- How you've done this year: attendance, work ethic, choral citizenship
- 8- Good personal habits that reflect pride in your organization

### When will lists be posted?

These are some of the toughest choices we make all year long and much as we want these groups to be all that they can be; it's tough not to be able to place everyone where they want to be. If you are disappointed, spend two days thinking about it. If you still don't understand; come politely and ask what you might improve for next year. We will take no phone calls the night the lists are posted. We intend to post the lists after school Friday, May 13.

Thanks for your interest in these great groups!

Mr. Lloyd & Mr. Bergstrom

**BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS TO ALL!**