2012 VMEA Honors Choir Auditions
October 13, 2012
Longwood University, Farmville VA

This letter contains all information you need for registering and preparing your students for VMEA Honors Choir Auditions. Please read everything carefully and follow all instructions accurately. The checklist should identify all steps, and assist you in making sure everything is included. INCOMPLETE AND LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE DEADLINES WHICH YOU MUST MEET FOR REGISTRATION

♦ Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 12th, 4:00 PM – ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE!!
All school registration forms must be submitted via the website (vmea.com). Confirm accuracy BEFORE submitting, as changes are not allowed after the deadline. Please check with your computer person PRIOR to registration deadline to be sure that information can be sent without the interference of firewalls. Submit as early as possible to prevent technical errors.

♦ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th – The student registration form and SCHOOL checks must be postmarked by this date. A hard copy of the school registration, printed from online registration, should be included. **There are only two forms to return by mail, School Registration and Student Registration.

Please note: The Online Registration Form is THE registration form, and MUST match all paper submissions and financial paperwork. Registration fees are owed for any student submitted on the online registration.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

_____1. ONLINE School Registration form DEADLINE: to be received by the audition chairman by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12th. These must be sent via the Honors Choir website. A hard copy should be mailed in with the Audition Applications. No changes may be made to this form following the September 14th deadline. PLEASE PRINT a copy of the Online Registration Confirmation for your records and to mail with the paperwork as desired.

_____2. PAPERWORK DEADLINE – School Registration forms (may be printed from online registration), Student Registration Form, and School Check must be postmarked by Friday September 14th. Forms must match Online Registration, and payment is due for the number of students registered online. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT EACH STUDENT AND YOUR PRINCIPAL SIGNS THE REGISTRATION FORM.

_____3. School Check made payable to: Christiansburg High School $15.00 per student

_____4. Mail to: Mandi Townley
Christiansburg High School
100 Independence Blvd.
Christiansburg, VA 24073
FAX #: 540-381-6525
Phone #: 540-382-5178

_____5. WEB SITE: www.vmea.com then follow links for Honors Choir
Audition Event Information

DATE:         Saturday, October 13, 2012

PLACE:       Longwood University, Farmville, VA, at Wygal Hall

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: All 12th grade students (class of 2013) enrolled in their school choral programs and are eligible to audition with the recommendation of their school choral director. Female tenors or basses and male altos and sopranos are not eligible to audition. No senior selected for Honors Choir in a previous year will be granted a second opportunity should he or she repeat the senior level in school.

TEACHER ELIGIBILITY: Teachers must present their up to date NAfME/MENC card or a cancelled check for current membership at registration even though their ID number is listed on the audition application. This event is sponsored by NAfME/VMEA: therefore, it is not open to non-members or their students. Non-member fees will not be accepted. If you are not currently a member of NAfME/MENC and would like to join, please see http://musicned.nafme.org/join

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITY: Transportation to and from the audition location will be the responsibility of the choral director. If the choral director is unable to attend, students may be registered by a designated chaperone approved by the school principal. To allow a designated chaperone, a letter with signatures from the student, parent, choral director, and principal must be attached and returned with the Audition Application forms and a copy of the teachers MENC card. The chaperone may present it at registration only in the event of a last minute emergency. Students will not be allowed to register themselves.

PLEASE NOTE: Teachers must pre-screen auditionees within their school. PLEASE do not register students that are unprepared for this opportunity!! This is not the time to send everyone who wants to try out.

AUDITION FEE: $15.00 per student

DEADLINES: Online School Registration Forms received from the website by 4:00 PM, September 12th. Student Registration Forms, School Registration Form, and School Check postmarked by September 14th.

CHECKS: School checks only made payable to Christiansburg High School.

AUDITION SELECTION: “I Attempt From Love's Sickness to Fly” by Henry Purcell. The music is available on the Honors Choir website. The following keys will be used:

Soprano I and Tenor I Key of Bb Major
Soprano II and Tenor II Key of Ab Major
Alto I and Bass I Key of F Major
Alto II and Bass II Key of D Major

Hard copies of each key may be downloaded from vmea.com under Honors Choir.

The tempo will be quarter note = 120
AUDITION PROCEDURE:

1. Students may only audition once, and only on the part registered for on the school registration form and online form.

2. Students should be advised to dress appropriately in business/interview attire. Screens are not used for Honors Choir auditions. See the link for further definitions: http://www.career.vt.edu/JobSearchGuide/BusinessCasualAttire.html

3. Sight-Reading – The sight-reading selection may be sung before or after the prepared piece. When the student enters the room they must tell the judges which they wish to do first. The exercise will be 8 measures in length and sung unaccompanied. The exercise will be computer manuscript, with the women’s selection written in treble clef, bass selection written in bass clef, and tenor written in both clefs for the student’s choice. There will be no interval larger than a fifth. The range will be from ti1 to la. The exercise will begin on do. Students may sing using solfege, numbers, or neutral syllables. The sight-reading must be performed at a tempo no slower than quarter note = 60. Slower tempos will result in a deduction in score.

PLEASE NOTE: Sight-reading counts for 20% of the total score, therefore, the auditionee should be a good sight-reader to even audition for Honors Choir.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Please utilize the special request field on the Online Registration Form to request scheduling times, accommodations, schools traveling together, and preferences. Requests will be granted on a first come, first serve basis, but accommodations are not guaranteed. Please email Mandi Townley, mtownley88@gmail.com for further information or questions. Please coordinate requests with other schools and teachers prior to requesting combined travel. Make communications clear and concise as we have several schools in Virginia with identical names.

RESULTS: Results will be available on the Honors Choir website the week following the audition. Score sheets and a copy of the results will be e-mailed out the week following the audition. No scores will be available the day of the audition.