

## NPBS Choir Notes – Important Northridge Competition Update (Overnight Trip)

NPBS Show Choir Parents:

This subject was discussed at the NPBS Choir Booster Board Meeting on Monday night and Mr. Beebe shared this with members of Diamond Sensations and Crimson Heat during class today.

After the positive results of the Anderson High School competition and both Diamond Sensations and Crimson Heat finishing at the top of their groups, we have reviewed the competition schedule for the Northridge Choral Invitational. We believe there is a very strong chance that both groups will again qualify for the “Night Finals” at Northridge. This is great for the students, but not so great for the bus drivers and parents attending and assisting with set equipment as it will mean a very long day. With Middlebury, Indiana being a 3.5-4 hour trip one-way and night finals ending around 11:30 pm or 12:00 midnight, plus with the strong possibility of some inclement weather, we don’t feel it is wise to try and bring everyone home at this time of the night/morning. In the interest of safety for all individuals involved, Mr. Beebe discussed with both Mr. Fessler and Mr. Halik an option of an overnight stay in a hotel. Everyone was in agreement for adding this option, so Mr. Beebe took this request before the school board on Monday night and they granted approval for this trip.

**What does this mean for you and your show choir student(s)?** We have already secured a block of rooms at a hotel called the “Blue Garden Gate Inn” in nearby Shipshewana, Indiana. We plan to place 4-5 students per room (girls with girls only, boys with boys only) and we expect to have at least 10 adult chaperones on-site and ensuring the students are safe and secure for the night. In the morning, the students will have a hot breakfast and then we will get on the road as quickly as possible with plans to return around lunch time on Sunday. The cost per student is planned to be \$20.00 for hotel room and breakfast.

It’s important to note that **if neither group advances to the “Night Finals” the plan above will not be executed and we will load buses and begin our return back to New Palestine shortly after 6:00 pm.** The above plan is a contingency only in the event that one (or both) choirs advances to Night Finals. If the choirs advance to night finals, we will implement this plan and upon our return, we will then add a \$20 charge to the accounts for those students staying in rooms at the hotel. We have done our best to provide the lowest cost option for everyone, but still make sure everyone involved returns home safely.

If you were planning on making this trip to Northridge already, whether for spectator support or parent crew, and you would like to also join the choir and other adults at this hotel, we have allocated some additional rooms. In order to confirm reservations, we will need to know who plans to stay with us and your preferences by the end of the day on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Your room reservations will be paid separately from the choir students, but you would be eligible for the same discount rate that the choir is receiving. Your rooms will be held with the choir and if neither group advances to the Night Show, we will release the entire block of

rooms for the night. Miranda Miller is coordinating the room reservations with the hotel. Please contact her at [5mandms@comcast.net](mailto:5mandms@comcast.net) with your information.

Thank you,

NPHS Choir Boosters

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