

2022 REGION VIII UIL CONCERT & SIGHTREADING CONTEST

March 31st, 2022 - China Spring HS

Dear Choir Parents –

All choirs have been preparing music for the upcoming UIL Contest in March. All choirs will be performing at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest being held at China Spring High School on Thursday, March 31st during the school day.

Each choir will be judged by 3 selected adjudicators from across the state and given a rating based on several criteria developed by a UIL committee. The second phase of the contest is the sightreading room where the choirs will be judged by 3 additional adjudicators on their ability to read a piece of music, at sight, a cappella, while using handsigns.

Though UIL Contest cannot accommodate large numbers of parents, it is indeed an experience to watch our choirs perform. Midway parents are invited to come and observe their student's choir if interested. All Midway choir students are expected to participate in UIL each year. It is considered the "end result" to what we teach in choir throughout the year and the ratings we receive are like that of a report card to our program.

The students have been working hard and are excited about this opportunity. As we have discussed with our singers, attending UIL is not a "*right, but a privilege.*" Our students understand the following expectations: being dedicated students who work hard in class each day, learn their music and make additional rehearsals including our required Pre-UIL Concert which is held March 24th during their choir class.

As noted in the MMS Handbook for choir, UIL preparation requires additional before/after school rehearsals. Several of our UIL choirs are a combination of different choir class periods. Therefore, these choirs must meet together in order to prepare for contest. The additional rehearsals are limited so a student must be present for them in order to attend UIL! Additional rehearsals will start the week of March 14th!!! (Panther Chorale students perform with TWO UIL choirs and therefore will have more rehearsals)

Thank you for the support you show to the MMS Choir program and please let me know if you have any questions regarding UIL Contest. **Please sign and return attached UIL Contract!**

Sincerely,

Tammy Benton & Kayla Torp