18 May 2014

Dear Singers and Guardians,

First, congratulations on being a member of the Madrigal Singers of the Pontiac Township High School Choral Department. Your acceptance into this ensemble is recognition of your attitude, musical abilities and dedication to vocal music.

An honor such as this comes with a number of responsibilities. Because YOU were chosen as a Madrigal Singer, someone else was not; this is an honor not to be taken lightly. Being in a premier ensemble of the Choral Department requires a number of commitments to ensure the success of not just yourself, but the Madrigal Singers as a whole.

The commitments and responsibilities are as follows:

1. Admission into Madrigal Singers is a YEARLONG commitment.
   + Madrigals in the Fall, Route 66 in the Spring.

2. Madrigal and Court Singer members are required to audition for IMEA All-State chorus.
   + The process and experience is more important than the outcome.
   + Learning tapes and music will be provided before summer break in preparation for auditions in October of the following school year.

3. Madrigal and Court Singer members must abide by all school rules, on or off campus, at all times.

4. Attendance of the Summer Madrigal Camp is required by the Madrigal Singer members.

5. Each member is allowed two absences from rehearsal per semester.
   + Sometimes we become ill or have to travel. However, you must take care of your voice and plan trips accordingly not to interfere with the success of the group as a whole.
   + The Madrigal Singers are a group, not a gathering of individuals. This must be reflected in attendance.
   + THREE tardies constitutes ONE absence.
   + Special allowances must be made in advance of any absence past the allotted two.

6. REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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7. Performances in the community will occur during the Holiday and Jazz seasons. Students will be informed of these community performances as soon as they are requested.
   + Performances requested less than 15 school days will not be required and students will be asked of their availability.
   + Performances requested with 15 or greater school days will be required.

8. To be a member of either of Madrigal or Court Singers, each member must be enrolled in Concert Choir for the entire academic year.

9. Members of the Madrigal and Court Singer are required to participate in Solo & Ensemble.
   + Each Madrigal Ensemble will attend S&E with their respective groups.
   + Each Madrigal Ensemble member is highly encouraged to take a solo to S&E contest.
   + Solos will be chosen/assigned during the first week of school and will be available for practice with the Music Department SmartMusic software.

10. All members of the Madrigal ensembles will conduct themselves as a young adult, and in doing so, will ensure wonderful rehearsals and performances.

   WE SING, WE LAUGH QUICKLY, WE SING. [REPEAT]. BEING EXCELLENT IS ALWAYS MORE FUN THAN NOT. 😊

Please sign the required signatures below and return to Mr. Durbin before the end this school year. Again, congratulations and I look forward to a wonderful year of music!

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Mr. Durbin                     Student Signature                     Parent Signature