

Maryvale High School

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Dear 1:30 Blue Chorus Members,

Congratulations on being chosen to participate in the 2019 All-County Blue Chorus! As one of the top vocalists in Erie County, you have the privilege of working with Mrs. Robin Smith from Gowanda CSD. Your place in this ensemble is one of honor and responsibility. Here are some suggestions to make your experience successful and rewarding:

MUSIC: Learn your music well before the first rehearsal! Your music teacher will help to prepare you, but you should also practice on your own. Bring your music to every rehearsal. Return your music in good condition in the original envelope provided.

FOLDERS: Your folder contains your music, letters, and a pencil. Read all the letters in your envelope carefully, share them with your family, and ask your teacher if you have any questions. You will be given a nametag at the first rehearsal to wear at all festival rehearsals.

REHEARSALS: Rehearsals are mandatory. Be in your seat and prepared to sing at the start of each rehearsal. If you are late or miss any rehearsals, you will not be permitted to perform at Kleinhans Music Hall. There are no exceptions to this rule.

DRESS REHEARSAL: Concert attire does not need to be worn for this rehearsal. There will be times when you are listening to other groups perform, so bring work to do or a book to read. Electronic devices are permitted provided it is not heard so make sure you bring headphones as well. WiFi and will NOT be available. Also, there will not be a place to charge device batteries. Plan accordingly, please. Remember, ECMEA is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items, so use good judgment!

CONCERT ATTIRE:

- a. GIRLS: White blouses, long dark skirts, or dress pants, dark shoes
- b. BOYS: White shirts, ties, dark dress pants, dark shoes

FINAL NOTE: You're not just representing your school district. You are here because you are considered one of the finest vocalists in the entire county. Please remember this throughout your experience. Practice professionalism at all times. Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated and repeat offenders will be asked to leave.

We know this festival will be an exciting musical experience for you. Congratulations on being selected. We look forward to hearing you sing!

Mrs. Katherine Leo
Maryvale UFSD
2019 Blue Chorus Chairperson

Mrs. Danielle Rodgers
Williamsville CSD
2019 Blue Chorus Co-Chairperson