



# Kenmore East High School

*An International Baccalaureate World School*



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## **Dear ECMEA SATB North Chorus Member:**

Congratulations on being selected for the SATB Erie County Chorus! I am Mrs. Grant, your SATB North co-chair. I am a chorus teacher in the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda school district. My co-chair is Mrs. Schieder, who teaches chorus at John F. Kennedy Middle and High School. If you have questions during the festival, you may feel free to ask one of us, and we will help you.

Your conductor this year is Mrs. Carolyn Lokken. She is retired from Grand Island High School and you may also see her as a NYSSMA adjudicator or the director of the Grand Island Community Chorus. She has chosen a beautiful and exciting program to help you grow your musicianship with. Your accompanist is Miss Sarah Maybee, who has her own piano studio in Hamburg, called “The Original Strand.”

**There is a lot of important information in this packet, so read everything and highlight important information.**

## **Your folder should have the following things in it:**

- White packet from the host school, Grand Island.
- Letter from your conductor, Mrs. Lokken
- Pencil
- ECMEA Sticker
- 5 pieces of music with your folder number on them
- Flyers for items for sale, and for ordering concert recordings

*If you are missing any of these items, please contact Mrs. Schieder or myself asap!*

## **Preparing for the Rehearsals:**

- Your teacher will help you learn your music but it is important to spend time practicing on your own as well. You must know all your music (nearly memorized) by the festival.
- Keep your music in your folder and take care of it. You will be charged for lost or damaged music.

## **During Rehearsals:**

- **Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory.** You must be seated and ready to sing before rehearsal begins. Missing any part of any rehearsal means you will be dismissed from the group. **There are no exceptions.**
- Bring your folder, music and a pencil both days.
- You will receive a lanyard with a nametag the first day. You must wear it at all times.
- All electronics and personal belongings should be secured in a bookbag or purse.

**Concert Dress:**

- **Ladies:** All-white, dressy shirt, solid black from hips to heels (knee-length black skirt with black tights or black dress pants), and closed-toe black dress shoes.
- **Gentlemen:** All-white dress shirt, tie, black dress pants, black socks and black shoes (no sneakers, please).

**Tickets:**

- Available for \$6.00 general admission at the door the day of the concert.

**CDs**

- Can be ordered the day of the concert in the lobby.

Finally, you are an elite group of singers, and are here as ambassadors of your home school. You are expected to be on your best behavior at all times. Please be courteous and respectful to all adults and to your fellow choir members.

Once again, we congratulate you on your achievement! We are pleased to be your co-chairs and we look forward to meeting you at Grand Island!

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Schieder