**For Parents of WA Concert Choir Singers:**

Dear Singers,

I’m very much looking forward to seeing you soon for our Concert Choir Retreat on Saturday, August 11! Details are on the next page. By now you should have downloaded all Back-to-School forms to OnCampus. Please realize you will not be able to attend the retreat unless all your forms are submitted.

Here are a few important notes.

* Please plan to attend the Concert Choir **Retreat** on Saturday, August 11 from 8:20am – 7:00pm. Your choir officers are already busy at work planning an amazing day for all of us. **Details on following page**.
* Women: if you haven’t yet been measured for the new concert gowns please contact me hwesterfield@wheatonacademy.org as soon as possible!
* Parents: anyone willing to help out with new concert gowns fitting Thurs 9/23 either 8:00-9:30am OR 11:55 – 1:25pm please contact hwesterfield@wheatonacademy.org
* **Tentative Required Rehearsal and Concert Dates for 2018-19**

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| Date/Time | Event/Location |
| Saturday, August 11 8:25am – 7:00pm | Concert Choir Retreat. Train to/fro Chicago |
| Mon. 9/10 | *Evening of Classics* Repertoire Form Due to Mrs.Westerfield |
| Fri. 9/14 3:00pm | Deadline for signing up for ILMEA auditions |
| Mon. 9/24 3:15-7:30pm | *Evening of Classics* Audition |
| Tues. 10/2 (assigned audition appt.) | ILMEA Auditions; Addison Trail H.S. |
| Fri. 10/5 | Homecoming Alumni Concert 6:00 (approx) |
| Mon. 10/29 7:00pm | *Evening of Classics* Location TBA |
| Sat. 11/3 7:30am – 6:00pm (approx.) | ILMEA District IX Music Festival, Elgin H.S. |
| Mon. 12/10 3:00-6:00pm | Dress Rehearsal, Christmas Concert |
| Wed. 12/12 6:15 Call; 7:00pm Concert | Christmas Concert #1 |
| Thurs. 12/13 6:15 Call; 7:00pm Concert | Christmas Concert #2 |
| Thurs-Sun 4/4-7 | Concert Choir Tour |
| Tues 4/30 7:00-9:00pm | Dress Rehearsal, Spring Choral Concert |
| Fri 5/3 6:30 Call; 7:30 Concert | Spring Choral Concert |

* I wanted to let you know that we already have the music selections for this year's ILMEA District and All-State auditions.  **Please let me know** if you're at all interested in auditioning - and I will order the music so that you can actually get a head start learning it before the school year begins! Here is a list of the choral repertoire for both District and All-State. <https://www.ilmea.org/districts/district9/senior-chorus/>

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CONCERT CHOIR RETREAT

Saturday, August 11, 2018

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. (i.e. sing!) Psalm 118:24*

8:25 Meet at West Chicago Train Station

8:40 Train departs for Chicago Ogilvie Transportation Center ((OTC)

10:00 Train arrives OTC. Walk to Fine Arts Building

 (410 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605)

10:30 Arrive at Fine Arts Building – sing, laugh, pray, enjoy

1:00 Walk to Shake Shack\* for lunch

 (12 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603)

2:00 Hang out in game room of Chicago Athletic Association

 (12 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603)

3:00 Walk to Art Institute of Chicago

 (111 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603)

4:30 Walk from Art Institute to OTC

5:51 Train departs from OTC

7:00 Arrive at West Chicago train station\*\*

*\*\*transportation to/from the West Chicago train station is not provided by WA*

What you should bring:

* Backpack for your stuff
* Extra $ for lunch (we will give you each $10 for lunch at Shake Shack, but if you’re super hungry or want something to drink, bring extra cash) and snack at end of day. We will provide a morning snack.
* An umbrella in case of rain
* A water bottle for all of the walking!

What you should wear:

* Comfortable shoes for walking! We’ll be walking a couple of miles.
* Nice jeans or casual pants/shorts (WA appropriate – we’re representing WA)
* You will receive a retreat T-Shirt to wear for the day (beautifully designed by our very own Abby Jones!). If you’d like you may **pick up your T-Shirts early** from the front office desk Fri 8/3, Mon 8/6, Tues 8/7 or Wed 8/8.