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TREBLE CHORUS FESTIVAL HANDBOOK 2018-2019



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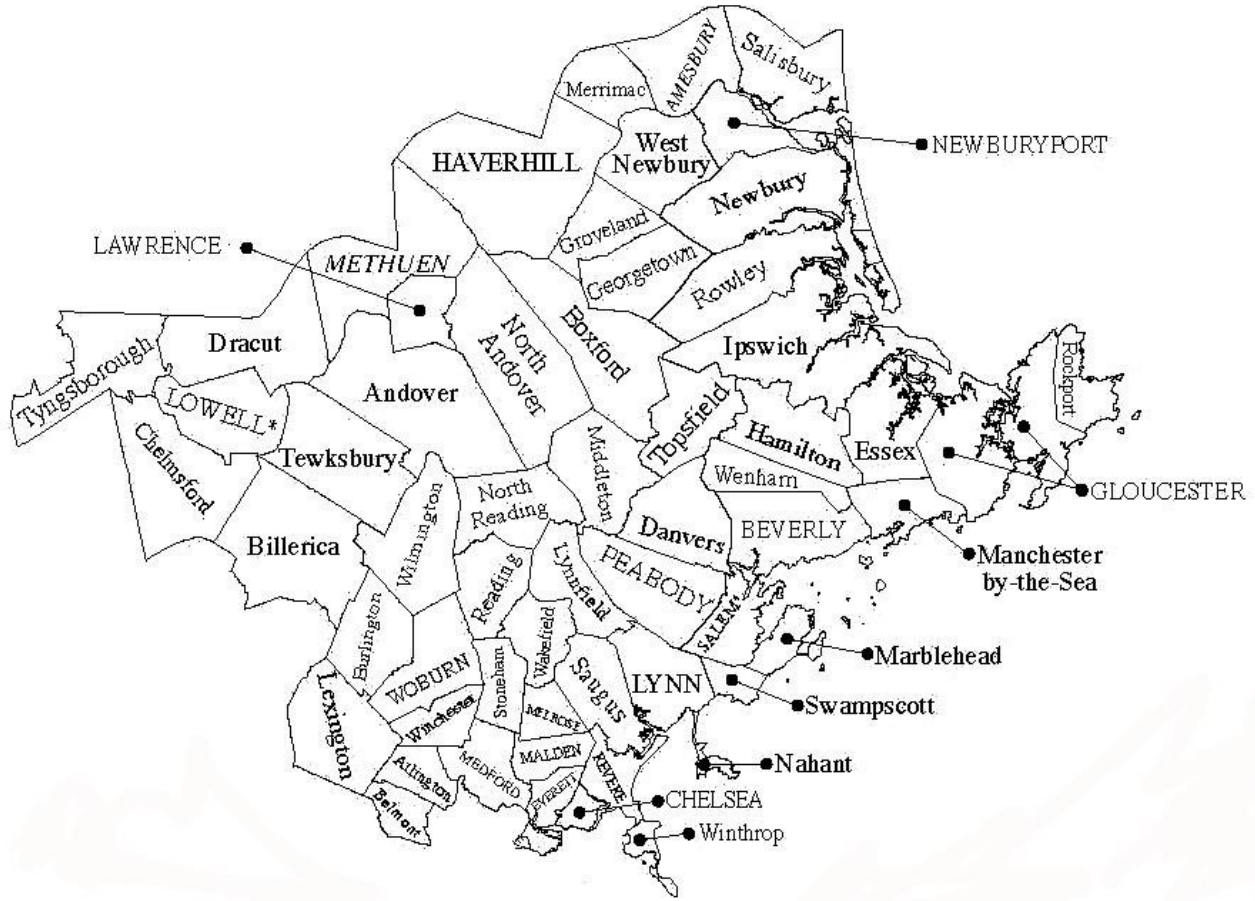
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	<u>Treble Chorus Festival</u> Saturday, March 23, 2019 – Rehearsal & Concert 9:00 AM-3:00 PM North Andover Middle School, North Andover <i>Sunday, March 24, 2019 (Snow date)</i>	<u>Pre-Festival Rehearsals</u> Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM North Andover Middle School Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM North Andover Middle School
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students must participate in music instruction at their Northeastern District school. Any 4th and 5th grader is eligible. 6th grade girls are eligible. Student should demonstrate understanding of basic concepts in solo and vocal ensemble singing. Participating teachers must be NAFME members. 	
Student Selection & Limits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chorus will be mixed grade levels of 4th and 5th grade students, and 6th grade girls. Selected by teacher recommendation. The amount of students a teacher can recommend will be based on total SCHOOL enrollment of 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students (as reported by the DESE SY17-18 data). <i>See chart on www.northeasterndistrict.org.</i> Up to (3) students for the first 100 students in 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade. Up to (1) additional student for each additional 1-50 students in a school's total enrollment of 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students 	
Other Information	<p>Music teachers should ONLY recommend students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are respectful and responsible in the music classroom and in rehearsals Consistently use head voice while singing and accurately match pitch Have excellent tone quality and breath support Are able to read and perform basic, standard music notation Are able to receive feedback and adapt to cues of a conductor Are full of energy and enthusiasm for music and singing Will attend both pre-festival rehearsals (<i>they can miss one, if necessary</i>) Will attend the festival on March 23rd (Snow date: March 24th) 	
Registration	December 1, 2018 (All materials postmarked)	
Fees	<p>FREE - Registration fee \$25.00 - Festival fee covers folder of music and a t-shirt \$10.00 – Concert Admission (NAfME members are FREE!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please try to issue only one check/PO for the total amount due per school. Contact the Festival Manager if you have students that need financial assistance. 	
Music Preparation	Teachers will help students prepare their music and choreography as they see fit. Practicing at home with recordings is a great way for students and parents to be involved in the responsibility of preparing for the festival.	
Festival Schedule	<p><u>Concert Day:</u> Saturday, March 23, 2019 (Snow Date: March 24th) North Andover Middle School, North Andover</p> <p>8:30-9:00am Check-in 9:00am-12:00pm Warm-Up and Rehearsal (includes a snack break) 12:00-12:30pm Lunch (<i>Students should bring a nut-free bag lunch!</i>) 12:30-1:30pm Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm Concert for Family and Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Admission is \$10.00 & NAFME members are FREE!)</p>	<p><u>Rehearsal Dates:</u> Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM North Andover Middle Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM North Andover Middle</p>



TREBLE CHORUS MEDICAL & PERMISSION FORM

Please type or neatly print all information on the form below.

School Name: _____ School District: _____

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL

Shirts run slightly small. If your child is close to the next size, we recommend sizing up.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

In emergency, notify _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Medical Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Is student taking medication? _____ What? _____ Dosage _____

Allergies? _____ Please Specify _____

Any Illness? _____ Please Specify _____

Does the student require a restricted diet? (If so please specify here.) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I (parent/guardian name) _____, submit the above emergency medical information and give my permission for my child to participate in this festival under the conditions described above and the rules and expectations outlined in the *Northeastern District Student Contract*. I hereby acknowledge that the performance of my child identified above may be photographed, reproduced, and/or recorded on compact disc, DVD, and/or other similar devices and may be displayed and/or heard in MMEA publications and/or on the MMEA-Northeastern District Website without remuneration.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TREBLE CHORUS FESTIVAL EXPECTATIONS

By signing below, you indicate that you and your child will be preparing their music for the festival responsibly, and that your child will show respectful behavior and a good attitude at all rehearsals.

In addition, you are confirming that your child will attend the pre-festival practices (January 26th and March 9th), and will attend the Treble Chorus Festival on **Saturday, March 23rd** (Snow Date: March 24th) from 9:00am-3:00pm. Performers should wear **dark shoes and black (dark) pants** on the day of the festival. T-shirts will be given out before the performance.

Please submit this form and the Festival Fee of \$25 to your child's music teacher promptly. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Northeastern District Treble Chorus
2019 School Registration Form – TEACHER ONLY

School Name: _____ District: _____

Music Teacher: _____ NAFME ID#: _____

Do not recommend more than the total allowed for your school. If your school is allowed more than 8 students, you may put additional names on the reverse, or attach a second page.

Student Name(s): *Check accuracy for concert program*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Please mail completed form along with payment (\$25 per student)
Check made payable to "MMEA-ND"

PO # _____

MMEA-ND Treble Chorus
c/o Kaitlin Shaw-Reese
Rockport Elementary School
34 Jerdens Lane
Rockport, MA 01966

*Registration materials and payments must be postmarked/emailed
by **Saturday, December 1st.***

Date received: _____ Check/PO# _____



Northeastern District Treble Chorus Festival

Saturday, March 23, 2019
Rehearsal: 9:00am Concert: 2:00pm
North Andover Middle School
North Andover, MA

Dear Music Parent,

Your child has been invited to participate in the 2019 MMEA Northeastern District Treble Chorus! They have been identified by your child's music teacher as someone who has shown enthusiasm and ability in singing. We look forward to your child's participation.

The Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeastern District has designed this opportunity with area music teachers to provide a positive and meaningful experience for young musicians. As a non-profit organization for local music teachers, we are seeking to promote a fun introduction to collaborative vocal performances.

We've invited students in 4th, 5th, and 6th graders from all over the North Shore and Merrimack Valley to join us in this celebration of music. Throughout the course of this experience, your child will be practicing music with their music teacher and on their own to prepare for the rehearsals and performance. All music must be memorized by March 23rd.

Students must attend the Treble Chorus Festival on **Saturday, March 23rd** (Snow Date: March 24th) **from 9:00am-3:00pm** at North Andover Middle School in North Andover, MA. Students should also plan to attend the pre-festival rehearsals on **January 26th** and **March 9th**, both of which are from 9:00am-12:00pm at North Andover Middle School. (Students may miss one rehearsal, if absolutely necessary.)

Please complete the Permission Slip, Medical Form, and Festival Fee of \$25 and return it to your child's music teacher promptly. Late submissions will not be accepted.

We hope that you will take advantage of the tremendous opportunity for your child and join us for the 2019 Northeastern District Treble Chorus Festival.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Shaw-Reese
General Music Coordinator
MMEA Northeastern District

Chris Nelson
Northeastern District Chair
MMEA Northeastern District



Northeastern District Treble Chorus Festival

Saturday, March 23, 2019
Rehearsal: 9:00am Concert: 2:00pm
North Andover Middle School
North Andover, MA

Information Letter for Music Teacher

Dear Music Teacher,

The Northeastern District of Massachusetts Music Educators Association is proud to announce that we will host our third annual **Treble Chorus Festival** on **Saturday, March 23, 2019**.

If you have students that have demonstrated a strong interest in singing, this opportunity is for you and for them! Our goal is to provide a positive experience for students to prepare and perform music for a concert with their peers. Along the way, your students will get to work with great educators and clinicians, develop their musicianship skills, and have a lot of fun!

Please review all of the following information. Registrations must be postmarked by **Saturday, December 1, 2018** in order to participate. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Important New Information for 2019

- 6th grade girls may participate! (6th grade boys are encouraged to audition for Junior Districts Boys' Chorus.)
- Participating teachers must be NAFME members.
- Each chaperone may only be responsible for a maximum of 10 children.
- Based on teacher suggestions, the concert time has been moved earlier, to 2:00pm, and the lunch break has been shortened.

Rehearsals

We will be hosting the Treble Chorus Festival (rehearsal and performance) on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00am-3:00pm (Snow Date: Sunday, March 24th) at North Andover Middle School.

In addition, there will be two pre-festival rehearsals. Participating singers should plan to attend both rehearsals, but they are permitted to miss one, if necessary. Group practices have been scheduled for:

- Saturday, January 26th (9:00am-12:00pm) at North Andover Middle School
- Saturday, March 9th (9:00am-12:00pm) at North Andover Middle School

Students must attend rehearsals with one or more chaperones (music teacher and/or other CORIed adults). ****NEW: Each chaperone may only be responsible for a maximum of 10 children.**

The music teacher should attend at least one of the pre-festival rehearsals, as well as the full festival day.

Eligibility

Any student who attends a Northeastern District school, participates in music instruction, and is in 4th or 5th grade OR is a 6th grade girl during the 2018-2019 school year is eligible to participate.

In an effort to provide an equitable way for as many schools as possible to participate, the planning Task Force has developed the following data-driven decisions:

- The amount of students a teacher can recommend will be based on total SCHOOL enrollment of **4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students** (as reported by DESE SY18-19 data).
- For the first **100** students in 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade SCHOOL enrollment, teachers may recommend up to **3** singers to participate in the chorus
- For each additional **1-50** students in a school's total enrollment of 4th, 5th, and/or 6th graders, a teacher may recommend up to **1** additional student to the chorus.

Visit <http://www.northeasterndistrict.org/treble-chorus.html> to determine how many eligible students you are able to recommend to the chorus based on DESE SY17-18 enrollment data.

Selection

The chorus will be comprised of 4th and 5th graders and 6th grade girls, chosen by **teacher recommendation**.

Music teachers should ONLY recommend students who:

- Are respectful and responsible in the music classroom and in rehearsals
- Consistently use head voice while singing and accurately match pitch
- Have excellent tone quality and breath support
- Are able to read and perform basic, standard music notation
- Are able to receive feedback and adapt to cues of a conductor
- Are full of energy and enthusiasm for music and singing
- Will attend both pre-festival rehearsals (*they can miss one, if necessary*)
- Will attend the festival on March 23rd (Snow date: March 24th)

Cost

The registration fee is **\$0**. The festival fee is **\$25**, which includes a t-shirt. Contact the Festival Managers if you have students who need financial assistance.

Please try to issue only one check/PO for the total amount due per school.

Music Preparation

Teachers will help students prepare their music and choreography at their home school.

Recorded practice tracks will be available in January on the Northeastern District Treble Chorus website (<http://www.northeasterndistrict.org/treble-chorus.html>). Practicing at home with recordings is a great way for students and parents to be involved in the responsibility of preparing for the festival.

Festival Day Schedule

Saturday, March 23, 2019 (Snow Date: March 24th)
North Andover Middle School
North Andover, MA

8:30-9:00am	Check-in
9:00am-12:00pm	Warm-Up and Rehearsal (includes a snack break)
12:00-12:30pm	Lunch (<i>Students should bring a nut-free bag lunch!</i>)
12:30-1:30pm	Dress Rehearsal
2:00pm	Concert for Family and Friends

Concert Admission is \$10. NAfME members are FREE!

We hope that you will take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to collaborate with your peers and provide a fabulous choral music experience for your students. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!

School Registration Form, Permission Slips, and Festival Fee must be postmarked by **Saturday, December 1, 2018**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

We look forward to seeing you at the third annual Northeastern District Treble Chorus Festival in 2019!

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Shaw-Reese
General Music Coordinator
MMEA Northeastern District
generalmusic@northeasterndistrict.org