



Liberty Middle School Chorus Newsletter

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# Season's Greetings!

Newsletter #6 | December 1, 2024

Dear Liberty Chorus Families,

It is my sincere hope that you all had a relaxing and refreshing Thanksgiving week. I have certainly enjoyed the time off, and I'm thankful for all of you.

Please find details below about the following events and reminders:

- ❖ Pick up wreaths after school TOMORROW, December 2.
- ❖ Universal Orlando sign-ups are LIVE.

- ❖ Our next concert is Monday, December 9 at the school at 6:30 p.m. We are excited to bring you some of the joy of the season!

Thank you for being a part of Liberty Middle's voice,



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*"Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education." - Plato*

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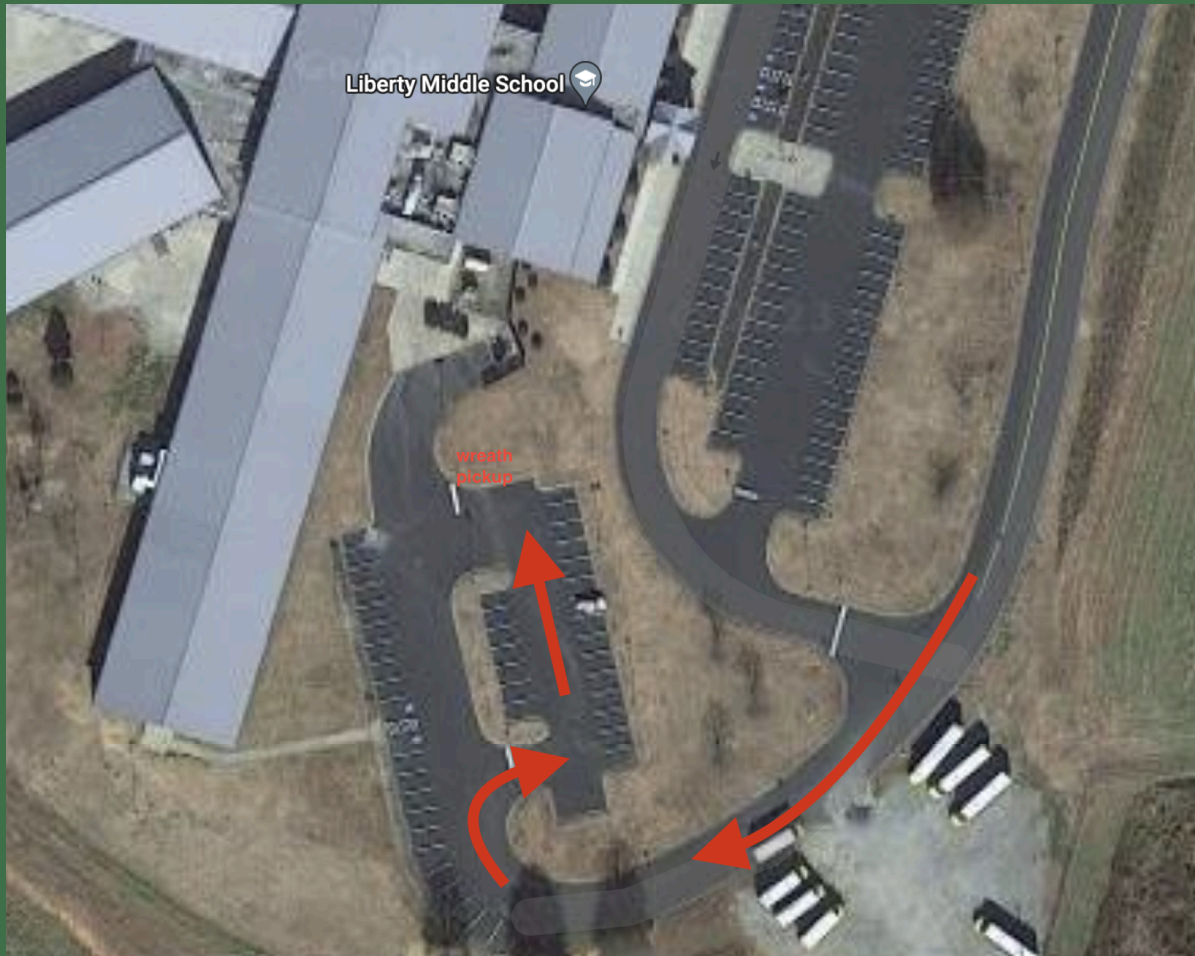
THIS WEEK'S  
TOP STORIES

## *Wreath Pick-up*

PLAN TO PICK WREATHS UP  
AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY, 12/02 from 4:15-4:45

You will drive to the parking lot past the  
main entrance on the far end of the  
school.



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# *Winter Concert Update*

Monday, December 9

6:30 PM, LMS gym

Doors open for seating at 6:15

❖ Same procedure as Fall Concert

❖ **All students will stay after school**

➤ Students bring formalwear to school and hang it in the Chorus Room. *Please label all bags/garments.*

➤ Bring a snack

❖ **Students and parents will need to stay to help put the gym back in order following the concert**

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## *Universal Orlando Sign-ups*

Registration for the Universal Studios Trip is now open for any 7th or 8th grade student in Band or Chorus.

All participants (students and chaperones) should register on our [WeTravel](#) trip page. On this page you will also find the payment schedule for the trip, a list of what is included (spoiler alert: it includes everything but souvenirs and food on the road there and back,) and the itinerary for the trip.

When you register, you will make a \$100, non-refundable deposit. This is the only part of the trip that can not be paid using Chorus Cash (fundraising).

The registration deadline is December 1, 2024. The cost of the trip is based on the number of buses. Initial registration is limited to 45 students, but once those spots are filled students will be placed on a waiting list until a second bus is filled. This helps us to keep the cost of the trip as low as possible.

**Please register as soon as possible so that we can begin filling the second bus.**

- ❖ **STUDENTS:** Register by clicking “Book Now” for the “(STUDENT) Quad Package” rate.
- ❖ **CHAPERONE PARTICIPANTS:** Register by clicking “Join Waitlist” for the “(CHAPERONE) Double Package” rate. If you prefer a room to yourself, you can upgrade to “ADULTS ONLY Single Package” rate.

All chaperones will start on the “waitlist” until we confirm that you have completed your background check with the district. If you are interested in chaperoning and have not yet completed the background check, please contact Ms. Kinney or Mr. Collins for more information..

*Note: Students with outstanding balances in Chorus or Band will need to settle those before they are eligible to register for the trip.*

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## Grades

Students are expected to practice each week at home. I will be sending out reminders to individuals about failing grades, particularly our practice logs.

We started this in the 1st quarter with no penalty for students who did not turn in a practice log. This quarter, practice logs are a required formative grade.

- 30 minutes/week. This can be done as the student’s schedule allows.
- Failure to turn in a practice log, which is an important executive skill, will result in an M in Infinite Campus.
- Students can make up for lost time one week in the past. (If they are sick this week, they can practice longer next week.)
- Students can also bank time. For example, if a student practices an hour this week and can not practice next week, the extra time this week will cover it.

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## *Ladies' shoes*

Please remember that for all formalwear events (like District Honor Chorus and our concerts), ladies should have **all black, low-heeled, closed-toe shoes**.

Here are a few low-cost options on Amazon:

[Belice Ballet Flat](#)

[GAWBAW Women's Ballet Flat](#)

[Cicypume Ballet Flat](#)

[LM Ballet Flat](#)

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## *All-State Chorus*

Congratulations to **Allison Elwood** (8th grade) and **Srinidhi Basavaraju** (7th grade) for passing the first audition! We had several students audition for the first time and all did very well. I am proud of each of our participants.

**Allison** earned a perfect score on her sight-reading for the second year in a row, and **Srinidhi** earned a perfect score on her solo and scales. They will have a second audition in January and are expected to participate in the All-State event in February in Athens.

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Do you have *photos* you would like to share?  
If so, please send them!

COMING UP:

## Looking ahead

<b>December 9:</b>	Winter Concert	6:30, LMS gym
<b>January 10-11</b>	Sixth Grade Statewide Honor Chorus	Athens
<b>February 13-15</b>	All-State Chorus	Athens
<b>February 24:</b>	Fine Arts Night	LMS 6:00 - 8:00
<b>March 3-8:</b>	All grades LGPE (field trip)	Cumming
<b>March 12-15</b>	Universal Studios 7th-8th Trip	Orlando
<b>May 12:</b>	Spring Pops Concert	LMS 6:30

The Handbook - everything is in it!

It has all of the class materials, expectations, lesson plans, rehearsal tracks, and the concert and event schedules. The handbook is also a living document that we use daily in class, so expect

regular updates to it. The handbook will be linked to Canvas, so students will be aware of changes as they happen.

## Liberty Chorus Website

We have a website! It is constantly updated and has some crucial pieces in place, including our concert dates. If you have photos, including any from previous years, that you would like to share for the website, I would love to include them!

[READ MORE ON OUR LIBERTY CHORUS WEBSITE](#)