**District Audition Information**
**Saturday, September 19th**
**Conroe High School**
**3200 W Davis St., Conroe, TX 77304**
*From Interstate 45: Exit Wilson Road and go west on Wilson.*

**Please read the entire message**, so that you and your students may have all the necessary information. Your students' understanding of this info will help them to have a better experience. THANK YOU to Conroe High School Choir for hosting!!!

**DATE/LOCATION/TIMES**

Students should arrive at Conroe High School **no earlier than 7:00 am**. Registration will not open until 7:30am. Audition cuts will be given out at 8:15am and a final call will be made for registration at that time. **Registration closes at 8:30am.**

**ARRIVAL**

Upon arrival, students will go to their assigned rooms to register, warm up, and be taken through cuts. Conroe HS will have ample signage directing singers to their appropriate rooms. **Directors cannot escort students to these spaces**.

**Sopranos - Cafeteria**
**Altos - LGI**
**Tenors - Orchestra**
**Basses -Choir Room**

Teachers and Judges will proceed to the Library. No further interaction between teachers and students is permitted until the conclusion of the auditions. Please have chaperones wait in the Cafeteria.

**REGISTRATION**

**Once in their registration room, students in voice parts with multiple zones (sopranos, altos, and baritones) should find the posted list to determine the zone in which they will be auditioning**. Once they know their zone, they will go to the registration table to sign for their badge.

All students should be prepared to stay in their assigned registration/warm-up areas for a while with their water and music, etc. The first 20 singers will go directly to their audition rooms from here. Students will also need to follow directions regarding line up and appropriate times to go to the restroom.
Registration opens at 7:30 am and closes at 8:30. Students arriving after 8:30 am will not be permitted to audition unless they are a LATE request with their entry.

**NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

There are no electronic devices allowed at the audition. **This includes smart watches**. There are no musical instruments allowed at the audition. Please be sure that your chaperones and parents know that they can use electronic devices but may not allow students to use them. Remind them to use a safe distance when operating a device in proximity of students. Students WILL be allowed to call for parent pick-up at the cell phone table, **monitored by the adult at the table.**

**Concessions for Students:**
Our Booster Club will be providing concessions throughout the day. In the morning there will be some breakfast items available for purchase and they will have pizza for lunch. There will also be candy, chips, and drinks available. Please insist on no outside food or drinks!
We will be using the ticket system like we have done in the past:
$1 = one ticket; $10 = 12 tickets; $20 = 24 tickets

**NOTE ABOUT RESTROOMS**
Students should take care of any personal needs *prior* to going to registration. If they are in the first group of 30 (or have requested an EARLY time), there won't be an opportunity to use the restroom until after their audition. If students ask to go to the restroom before 9am, the answer will be NO. Please share this information with your students.

**AUDITION PATH**
After the first 20 have left the registration room to audition, all remaining singers will be dismissed to the cafeteria when instructed. Any personal items (books, water bottles, etc.) will have to travel with them when they leave their warm-up room. After their audition, students will be directed to the Cafeteria, where they will be allowed to call their parents (FROM THE CELL PHONE TABLE) to pick them up. Students who are waiting until the end of the contest for results will remain in the cafeteria.

**WARM UP**
During the "warm-up" the students will go through the cuts 2 times per section (e.g., Alto 1 2x, Alto 2 2x). The cuts will not be rehearsed again. Students may vocalize after that point but may not practice the audition music. Please let your students know that they can only sing the cut material for their section. **In other words, a soprano 1 cannot sing through the cuts again with the soprano 2s**. This is a violation of the audition process and will be enforced.

**LINE UP**
In their warm-up rooms, students will be lined up in groups of 10. Once the first 10 are sent to the audition rooms, the next 10 will be called to lineup. Note: in the cafeteria there will be designated cafeteria tables for the groups of 10 to sit in line while they wait to be sent.

**TIMELINE FOR THE MORNING**
7:30 - 8:30 Registration
8:15 Judges Meeting
8:15 Cuts are distributed
8:30 CHS students ready to take judges to their rooms.
8:30 Warm up begins in designated areas
8:35 Cuts twice with each voice part in room (16 minutes)
8:30 JUDGES Line up and depart for rooms
8:45 CHS students ready to take auditionees to their rooms.
8:52 SINGERS Line up and depart for rooms
9:00 1st person waiting to walk into the room
9:01 Auditions begin.

**Drop Off & Parking:**
When students enter the building, they need to make their way to the cafeteria to drop off belongings. Once your school has a spot for the day, students need to go to registration. Signs will be posted to direct students to the registration locations for each voice part. Directors will head to the library for a light breakfast and the judges meeting.

**Student Drop Off (personal vehicles):**
Please use the main drive entrance by continuing on Wilson Road to the new front entrance of Conroe High School. Students should enter through the front door of CHS and take a right down the main hall to the cafeteria.

**Student/Parent Parking (personal vehicles):**
Please use the main drive entrance and then
park in the “Student/Parent” parking lot in front of Conroe High School. Enter through the Main Entrance at the front of CHS.

**Bus Loading/Unloading and Parking:**
From Wilson, take a right onto Longmire, then turn left directly after the football practice field into our bus ramp entrance. From the bus ramp, turn left into the Band Practice lot towards the building. Drop students off at the cafeteria entrance, then follow that road around to park by the stadium in the “Bus Parking Lot.” Please make sure your drivers park in the stadium parking lot.

