

## **ILMEA AUDITIONS – RMS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Students**

ILMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) hosts a district music festival every fall. The state of Illinois is divided into districts and each district hosts its own festival. Students from the northwest corner of Illinois are in District 8. Our festival is held in November in DeKalb.

**The mission of the Illinois Music Education Association is to promote lifelong music learning and to provide leadership for music education.**

- The ILMEA sponsors and organizes performance festival experiences for the student musicians of Illinois.
- The ILMEA provides professional growth opportunities for the music educators of Illinois.
- The ILMEA remains current regarding emerging issues in the music profession and disseminates that information to the music education community.
- The ILMEA promotes and supports music as a vital component in the complete education of every child in school.

Thousands of students have taken part in the District Festival and All-State Ensembles over the years. These groups provide powerful education events for music students from all of Illinois. Being in an ensemble with fellow musicians from around the state is an experience like none other! Participation begins in the fall with district auditions and, at the senior high school level, can continue through the end of January.

**Students must audition in to be selected for the festival.** RMS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students may audition for Treble Choir or Mixed Choir: Treble Choir is for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Soprano and Alto Voices, mainly girls; Mixed Choir is for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Baritones (boys) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sopranos and Altos (girls). The required audition procedure and literature is listed on the back of this sheet. Mrs. Ewers has the required materials.

Auditions are held in October and there is a small audition fee. You must sign up with Mrs. Ewers by the middle of September by filling out the appropriate form and paying the audition fee. Checks may be made out to RMS Choir Dept. or cash payment is acceptable.

Mrs. Ewers will provide recorded rehearsal material to assist students with the audition preparation. Times after school may also be arranged for extra help. Most of the preparation must be done by the individual, and those that are able to take private lessons are encouraged to do so.

### **Junior Choir –**

Junior Treble Choir – open to girls in grades 7 and 8

Junior Mixed Choir – open to all students in grades 8 and 9, and BOYS in grade 7

Junior Choir auditions consist of:

Two selections chosen from the five prepared pieces listed below. (These do not need to be memorized, but well-learned.) The two selections are posted at Sterling HS on the morning of the auditions.

Students will need to sing a Major Scale up and down.

Students will do one or two sight reading passages (short sections they have never seen before.)