

# Welcome to EMS Women's Chorus!

The mission of this group is to perform advanced music and to further vocal skills in an environment that is conducive to musical learning. Performing advanced music requires listening skills, patience, and a willingness to learn and work hard. Everyone in this ensemble must come to rehearsals with this mission in mind. Our rehearsals will be held on Mondays from 3:00-4:00 PM beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>. Transportation is not provided after rehearsals. Please make arrangements to be picked up promptly at 4 PM, with the exception of students who are walkers.

The selection of music for this ensemble will be a combination of serious choral repertoire and pop styles. EMS Women's Chorus will perform at both a winter and a spring concert. For the winter concert, Women's Chorus will be performing at the eighth grade concert night on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The concert is at 7 PM at Edgewood High School, with students reporting at 6:30 PM. For the spring concert, Women's Chorus will be performing at the chorus concert on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.

Women's Chorus also may be performing in a "Music in the Parks" competition held at Hershey Park. This performance will be the same day as the Eighth Grade Chorus and Vibes trip, but will consist of different repertoire. This trip includes an adjudicated performance, a day in the park, an awards ceremony, and coach bus transportation. The exact cost of the trip has not been determined but typically runs between \$80-\$100. Students are not required to attend this trip; however, we provide several fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help with costs. This year the trip will tentatively take place on June 1, 2012. A detailed packet of information about this trip will be sent home at a later date.

It is expected that all Women's Chorus members will attend the above performances, with the exception of the Hershey Park trip. This requires extra responsibility and commitment from every student involved. I ask that students make sure that they are willing and ready to commit to this ensemble, as there are many students not in EMS Women's Chorus who would enjoy these opportunities. Membership in this ensemble is dependent upon rehearsal attendance, performance attendance, rehearsal behavior, behavior in music class, vocal ability and growth, and the return of this signed permission slip. If students cannot continually meet these requirements, they will be removed from the ensemble. Again, our mission is to create an environment of advanced musical learning. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Carlock  
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I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of EMS Women's Chorus. I also give my child permission to attend the rehearsals on Mondays after school until 4 PM, and I understand that I must arrange some form of transportation.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature