

# AUDITIONS

## HONORS CHORAL ENSEMBLES

### Chamber Singers and Chorale

*Sign-up NOW – Auditions May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup>*

#### General Information

1. Auditions for Chambers Singers or Chorale for 2021-2022 school year will be held between May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>. Materials for both in-person and digital auditions can also be found on Mr. Topping's Website.
2. **Sign-up NOW** by filling out the digital audition form – [here](#). Each person auditioning must complete an Audition Form in order to register for an audition slot.
3. The audition for Chorale and Chamber Singers is the same for both groups. You only need to submit one audition and just indicate which group you want to audition for on your form.
4. All current Chamber Singers & Chorale members must re-audition to be included for 2021-22.
5. Audition components: (Please read CAREFULLY)

All students auditioning must...

- **Sing a Major Scale, Major / Minor Chord ascending and descending using Solfege syllables (unaccompanied)**
- **Vocalize to the top and bottom your range**
- **Sing *Red River Valley* a cappella (attached)**  
Sing the MELODY, unaccompanied. You may start on any note you wish (the version provided is for reference only- you may sing in *any key*). Be prepared to state your starting note, play it on your phone / piano, and sing a cappella.
- **Sing *How Calmly the Evening* (ms 1-19 - attached)**  
Learn your OWN PART (soprano, alto, tenor, or bass) in the written key. You will sing along with the recorded accompaniment.
- **Sight-sing a simple melody (you will be given the starting pitch, unaccompanied). Major and minor keys may be included. The example will be emailed to digital auditionees.**

For each of the songs, sing in a **rich, full tone. Be prepared.** Be as **musical as possible**, demonstrating beautiful, expressive, well-supported phrases. Make good decisions about where to breathe. For *Red River Valley*, choose a comfortable tempo that will allow you to sing with good breath support.

#### 6. REHEARSAL RESOURCES

Please seek out help as needed with preparation. Be resourceful. Information / rehearsal recordings can be found on Mr. Topping's website, including a sample of *Red River Valley* (in multiple keys) and a piano accompaniment / part tracks for *How Calmly the Evening*. Information found at the QR Code or Link Below:



<http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/auditions.aspx>

**Audition results will be posted as soon as possible after auditions conclude.**