

Rush-Henrietta Central School District

February 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're excited to invite you to a wonderful musical celebration! Your child will join over 500 talented chorus members from grades 6-12 at the Rush-Henrietta Central School District Secondary Choral Festival.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 pm. The festival will be held in the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School gymnasium at 1799 Lehigh Station Road. This special concert promises a unique and inspiring performance experience, showcasing the incredible musical abilities of our students. A highlight of the evening will be two pieces performed by all 500+ students together!

We understand that families have busy schedules, so please take a moment to check your calendar and ensure this date works for you. We wouldn't want anyone to miss this memorable event.

To make the evening extra special, we encourage everyone to dress in concert attire. Students in grades 6-9 should dress for success. Regular concert dress is appreciated. Please, no jeans or sneakers if possible. Students in grades 10-12 will wear their school-issued uniform. Page two of this communication includes important details regarding parking, shuttles, and additional logistical information.

Thank you for supporting our young musicians. We look forward to sharing and enjoying a fantastic evening of music with you!

Sincerely,

Dominic Pickard

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Director of Visual & Performing Arts



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ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Parking and Shuttle Service:

Due to limited on-site parking at the high school, we have arranged convenient shuttle services from designated off-site locations to ensure efficient traffic flow. Shuttles will operate every 10-15 minutes, beginning at 5:30 PM, and will provide return service after the concert. To ensure your choir student(s) are seated in the high school gymnasium by 6:00 PM, please plan your travel accordingly and arrive at the shuttle site with ample time.

The following shuttle locations have been designated:

- Sherman and Roth families: Please report to Roth Middle School (4000 E. Henrietta Rd.) for shuttle service to the Senior High School.
- Vollmer and Burger families: Please report to Burger Middle School (639 Erie Station Rd.) for shuttle service to the Senior High School.
- Senior High School students and families: Please report to either the Senior High School or the Webster Learning Center (2000 Lehigh Station Rd.) for shuttle service to the Senior High School.

Once the Senior High School parking lots are full, no further vehicular traffic will be permitted to enter the campus. Utilizing the designated shuttle routes is essential for timely arrival. Traffic guards will be on-site to direct traffic flow; your cooperation and adherence to their instructions are greatly appreciated as they work to maintain a safe and efficient traffic pattern. For any questions regarding shuttle services, please contact Acting Director of District Safety, Michael Paladino, via email at mpaladino@rhnet.org.

Arrival:

All shuttle traffic will enter through the front entrance at doors #3 and #4. Upon disembarking, students and families should proceed directly to the gymnasium and locate their seats. Families parking at the high school should enter the gymnasium through the nearest available doors, specifically door #8. Students are requested to leave coats with their parents/guardians to expedite seating. Please refrain from bringing valuables to this event, as the school cannot assume responsibility for their security.

Dismissal:

For the duration of the concert, please remain seated in the gymnasium. Students will be dismissed by grade level. Return shuttles will be located in the front bus loop and will depart after the concert concludes. Families and students should proceed to doors #3 and #4 for return shuttle boarding.

Concert Dress:

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Dress Rehearsal:

Students will rehearse during the day on March 19, 2025, at the Senior High School gymnasium to get acclimated to the performance space. Students will be bused to and from the Senior High School during the school day for rehearsal. Students might have adjusted lunch schedules to ensure they have the opportunity to eat. Students should not wear their concert clothing to the dress rehearsal.

Sherman and Vollmer Rehearsal Schedule

- 10:10 am: Load buses to rehearse at the Senior high School
- 10:30 am-12:20 pm: Rehearsal
- 12:20 pm: Load buses and return to school for lunch/remainder of the school day

Burger and Roth Rehearsal Schedule

- 9:30 am: Load buses to rehearse at the Senior high School
- 9:50 am-12:00 pm: Rehearsal
- 12:00 pm: Load buses and return to school for lunch/remainder of the school day

Senior High School Rehearsal Schedule

- 10:30 am-12:00 pm: Rehearsal at the Senior high School
- Senior High School students will meet for another hour during the day with their Chorus Director to rehearse Senior High combined chorus pieces.

Thank you in advance for helping us to ensure a memorable evening for all! If you have any questions, please contact your child's chorus teacher or call the arts office (585-359-7955).

Sincerely,

Dominic Pickard

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