

Hello everyone – attached to this email are the following items (**all forms in one attachment**):

1. Performance Schedule for District Solo & Ensemble Festival
2. Map to Chippewa Valley HS (where Solo & Ensemble Festival will be held)
 - 18300 19 Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038
 - Google Maps link - <https://goo.gl/maps/AfAcvp8x5z22>
3. Alternate Transportation Form (if needed for Sounds of South and South Singers)

Please note that MSVMA will NOT honor any requests for changes in the schedule. All times listed in the performance schedule are set in stone and can not be changed for any reason.

All of the information in this email (the performance schedule, the map to Chippewa Valley HS, the Google Maps link for Chippewa Valley HS, the Alternate Transportation Form, and this email), as well as all other information previously sent to you about District Solo & Ensemble, can also be found at the Grosse Pointe South Choir website –

<http://www.gpsouthchoir.org/solo-ensemble-information/>

Once you reach this webpage, scroll down to the words "MSVMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival"

Next - click the "+" sign on the right-hand side of the screen to access the drop-down menu with information for this festival.

Events performing on Friday, January 18 - You will travel by bus to and from Chippewa Valley HS. The bus will leave South HS on Friday, January 12 at 2pm. We will make a stop for food on the way to Chippewa Valley HS (make sure you bring money for food). The bus will return to South HS at approximately 8:45pm on Friday, January 18. If you wish to do any transportation arrangement other than the bus to and from Chippewa Valley HS, you must complete an Alternate Transportation Form (attached to this email) and return it to Mr. Pratt no later than Thursday, January 17.

Events performing on Saturday, January 19 - You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Chippewa Valley HS. You will NOT need an Alternate Transportation Form.

All events (both solo events and ensemble events) will need to arrive at Chippewa Valley HS no less than 1 hour before the warmup time for your first event. This will give you time to find your warmup and performance rooms, as well as for SOLOISTS to get their books/sheet music and number all of the measures in both of their songs. Per MSVMA policy – if you are late for your warmup time, you will lose your warmup time. Per MSVMA policy – if you are late for your performance time, you will not be allowed to perform.

All students performing in events that receive 1st or 2nd division ratings are eligible to purchase medals to recognize their performance at District Solo & Ensemble. If you choose to purchase medals, they are \$4.00 each, must be purchased at Chippewa Valley HS during District Solo & Ensemble Festival, and are “cash-only” purchases (no checks/debit cards/credit cards).

All events that receive a 1st division rating qualify to sing at State Solo & Ensemble Festival, being held on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 at Avondale HS in Auburn Hills.

Parents, voice coaches, and friends are more than welcome to see any performance at District Solo & Ensemble Festival. There is NO CHARGE for festival attendees.

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All men will wear their tuxedos with tissue vests, white bow tie, black shoes, and black socks that cover the lower part of the leg (not ankle socks & not white socks).

All women will wear assigned velvet dresses and character shoes. “Competition hair” will not be required, but hair should be up and out of the face.

All students are welcome to bring a change of clothes to Chippewa Valley HS. ***All costume changes are to occur in restrooms and not in public areas.***

Students are also welcome to bring homework during times that they are not performing. Please do NOT bring valuables to District Solo & Ensemble Festival – there will be no place to secure these items.

There will be food and drink for sale at Chippewa Valley HS each day – bring money if you wish to purchase anything to eat or drink.

Soloists – you will receive an additional email from me regarding items specific to your events.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Pratt or me if you have any questions regarding District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Looking forward to an exciting start to 2019!

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