

ALL – STATE CHORUS

Sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA)

Dear Parents,

As a student in grades 7-12, your child has the opportunity to audition for the All-State Chorus. This chorus is made up of the top singers in the state of Georgia. Students are selected based on an audition. These auditions are done by choral directors from around the state of Georgia and not by anyone associated with Austin Middle School. **The audition requirements are strenuous and only those who are serious about singing should attempt the auditions.** The reward is great, but the road to and thru the audition process can be difficult, anxiety filled, and time consuming. This should not be a deterrent for someone who is serious about singing and serious about working hard to achieve excellence.

The first audition is **Saturday, November 14, 2015 in Cartersville, GA** (\$20.00 registration fee). If your child makes it through the first round of auditions, there is a second round of auditions that will occur **Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Rome, GA** (a second \$20.00 registration fee for second audition). If your child makes it through the audition process, the All-State Chorus event will take place **February 25-27, 2016 in Athens, Georgia**. **It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation and to secure hotel accommodations for the student and a parent/guardian for the length of the event.** Please understand that All-State Chorus auditions should not be taken lightly as it is a large time and monetary commitment. It is expected that your child will put in additional practice time at school and at home in order to prepare for these auditions and the concert if they are selected. If you have any questions, please contact me at school, (770) 942-0316 or by email, spatrick@paulding.k12.ga.us. **I must have your completed form and your registration fee for the audition by Friday, September 4th. NO EXCEPTIONS!! The first registration fee is \$20.00.** Please make your check out to Austin Middle School. The school will then cut one check for all students who have registered. All audition requirements, as well as, dress code, code of conduct, and attendance policy, can be found on the GMEA website: www.gmea.org in the choral division.

I look forward to having Austin Middle School represented for a third year in a row. We are showing we are a school with quality musicians and a leader within the state! If you have any questions about the audition process, time or monetary commitments, or anything related to All-State Chorus, please call or email! I am here to assist you in any way I can.

Musically Yours,

ALL-STATE CHORUS 2016

By submitting this registration form and your payment of \$20.00, the student listed below is committing to audition for the 2016 Georgia All-State Chorus, and if selected, is committing to attend the second audition and the All-State Chorus event in Athens, Georgia on February 25-27, 2016. You are aware that there will be multiple before and/or after school rehearsals to prepare for this event (prior to and after the auditions, if selected). You are also aware that additional at home practice time will be necessary and is imperative for success.

The audition dates are as follows :

1st Round Auditions: Saturday, November 14, 2015 Woodland High School Cartersville, GA

2nd Round Audition: Thursday, January 21, 2016 (Rome, GA – evening after school)

All-State Event: Thurs – Sat, February 25-27, 2016 The Classic Center Athens, GA

Before/After School rehearsals will be determined once all registration forms have been collected.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone _____

Please send cash or check payable to Austin Middle School

GMEA Registration Fee: \$20.00 (All fees collected are determined by and sent directly to GMEA.)