

# Chorus MPA Performance & Field Trip

MPA = Music Performance Assessment

March 5, 6, or 7 @ Timber Creek High School

## The essentials:

- MPA is an important annual performance assessment that is both academic and fun. Similar to a concert, it is worth a large amount of points. In the third quarter, it will be the only performance so the grade impact is even higher.
- Examine these dates carefully and note them in your calendar -- or on the fridge! Each chorus is assigned a performance date/time about four weeks before the event. We will only participate on one day. An email will be sent home as soon as we know the details.
- Bus transportation will be provided, but parents should be prepared to make special arrangements for their child to attend this important event. Your responsibility may include picking up and/or dropping off your student from Boone, or arranging for them to get a ride with another chorus student.
- Concert attire is required—please be sure uniforms are in good condition for this evaluation.
- Unless a meal is involved, this field trip will be FREE. There is a concession stand on-site.
- We need adult chaperones to ride the bus and supervise students in the auditorium at MPA. Please let us know if you can chaperone!

| Additional After School Rehearsals |                                                     |
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| Combined Men's Choir               | Feb 21 & 28 from 1:30-3pm, and Feb 26 from 2:30-4pm |
| Combined Women's Choir             | Feb 20 & 27 from 2:30-4pm                           |

## What is MPA?

All Boone chorus students will perform in an important event called Chorus MPA (Music Performance Assessments). At Chorus MPA, school choirs from around our region perform for distinguished judges. The judges will evaluate all aspects of their performance. Each choir receives an overall rating that ranges from Superior to Poor. They must also sight-read (sing something they have never seen before) two exercises as a group in which they are given another rating. Perhaps just as importantly, Boone choir students will also have the opportunity to hear performances by other high school choirs. This unique occasion only occurs once a year and can't be re-created.

MPA is an incredible and memorable musical experience. Boone Chorus has a strong performance reputation, which is only possible with 100% participation. It is very important that every chorus member attends. Each choir is a team, and when one team player is missing, the entire team suffers. Thank you for supporting your singer's hard work, and making the necessary adjustments to your schedule.

Respectfully,

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