

SAM RAYBURN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT

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To the Choral Directors of Region XIX,

What a joy it will be to welcome you all to Sam Rayburn High School for the South Zone Middle School Concert and Sight Reading Contest. The contest will take place April 2-3, 2009. We will hold the entire contest in the Fine Arts Wing of the High School, located off of Burke Drive. The contest office will be in the Large Ensemble room of the Band Hall.

There will be little room for students in the high school, as we are trying to avoid spill out to the campus at large. Please plan to have your choirs arrive just prior to warm-up time and to leave immediately after scores have been tabulated. Teachers and chaperones must monitor students at all times.

There will not be any food provided for students to purchase and food choices for lunch at Rayburn are minimal.

Buses will enter the large student/faculty parking lot (Band Lot) off of Burke Drive. If choirs arrive early or more than one choir must come at a time, they should enter the double doors and walk SILENTLY down the hallway to the commons, where they can wait to sing. They may also enter between choirs to hear performances in the auditorium until it is time to begin the contest procedure.

When the time comes to warm-up, students should enter the external double doors of the Fine Arts Wing, make an immediate right and go down the hallway into the back choir room. After warm-up, you will exit the back door of the choir room and go outside to enter the auditorium from the side entrance. Upon completion of the concert portion of the contest, choirs will exit the side doors back into the fine-arts hall and proceed directly across to the orchestra hall where they will sight-read. There will be 6 sections of 3-step risers in all three locations: warm-up room, stage, and sight reading.

There will be no place to store personal belongings, so please arrange to have a chaperone take care of anything brought into the high school. Students should arrive at the contest dressed and ready to perform.

Please remind your students of the importance of appropriate behavior at all times while at Sam Rayburn High School. They will be in areas with classes going on at all stages of the contest and any extraneous noise will bleed into the auditorium. The theatre seats 800 people and has no balcony, so audience members and judges will be at the same seating level during the concert portion of the contest. Please be sure students remain quiet both during and in between performances as to provide judges the most opportune space to hear the choirs and write critiques.

Please feel free to call 713-740-0330 ext. 02187 or e-mail thoffman@pasadenaisd.org if you have any questions. We wish you all the best of luck in your preparations for contest and look forward to seeing and hearing all your wonderful choirs.

Sincerely yours,

TJ Hoffman and Pam Bridges