# Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School Festival Choir

## Information & Requirements

Dear Parents and Performers,

I am thrilled to announce that Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School will be starting a Festival Choir. This choir will be made up of auditioned 6th grade students who are devoted and enthusiastic about making quality choral music. Students that are chosen for this ensemble will be given the opportunity to participate in a number of off campus events such as Pieces of Gold & the Carowinds Festival of Music.

**Auditions** will be held on Tuesday October 13th in the CCMMS Chorus Room from approximately 2:30-4:00pm. Rides should pick up students in the CCMMS Parking Lot by 4:00pm.

A **sign-up sheet** is posted on Ms. Aiken's door with audition times. Once a student has signed up for an audition, they should *review*, *sign*, *and return the student commitment form no later than Tuesday October 13, 2015*. Students who have not turned in a commitment form by this date will not be allowed to audition, no exceptions.

Students will be asked to complete warm-ups, short rhythmic/melodic example provided by the teacher, and a short general knowledge inquiry. These activities will help to establish experience and potential contribution to the choir as it is our intention to included the best talent Centennial has to offer. (*There is no need to prepare an individual piece for performance.*)

For those students who make the Festival Choir, we will be holding after school rehearsals on the following dates. Attendance at these rehearsals is necessary and will be mandatory for all participants. Students will only be allowed three absences from rehearsals with written notice. More than two absences will result in dismissal from the ensemble.

#### **Important Dates:**

- Student Commitment form due date: no later than Monday October 12th
- Audition date: Tuesday October 13th approximately 2:30-4:00pm
- Rehearsals: mandatory for all performers

| -Thursday, October 15  | -Monday, December 07  | -Thursday, February 25 |
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| -Thursday, October 22  | -Thursday, January 07 | -Thursday, March 03    |
| -Thursday, October 29  | -Thursday, January 14 | -Thursday, March 24,   |
| -Thursday, November 05 | -Thursday January 21  | -Thursday, March 31    |
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| -Thursday, November 12 -Thursday, November 19 -Monday, November 23 -Thursday, December 03 | -Thursday January 28 -Thursday, February 04 -Thursday February 11 -Thursday February 18 | -Thursday, April 01 -Thursday, April 14 -Thursday, April 21 -Thursday, April 28 |
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| -Thursday, December 03  | -Thursday, February 18  | -Thursday, April 28<br>-Thursday, May 05  |

#### Performances:

Winter Concert: Thursday, December 10

Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 10

Carowinds: TBAPieces of Gold: TBA

MudCats National Anthem: TBA

For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Carmen Aiken via email or phone. We look forward to working with you and your singer.

Ms. Carmen Aiken
Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School
Chorus Teacher
NC Teaching Fellow
NCMEA Large Ensemble Adjudication Site Chair, East #1
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Please fill out and return this form to Ms. Aiken on or before Tuesday October 13, 2015 (each student must submit a form individually even if auditioning with a group)

### **Student Commitment Form**

- ★ I have read and understand the obligations of participating in the Centennial Festival Choir and agree to the guidelines listed above.
- ★ If accepted, I agree to be at any and all after school rehearsals listed above knowing that absence from these rehearsals could forfeit my opportunity to participate.
- ★ I give my permission to Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School to video and/or photograph my child at rehearsals and/or performances for the documentation, promotion, and advertisement of the CCMMS Music department.

| Student Signature     |       | <del></del>   |  |
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| Parent Signature      |       |               |  |
| Student Name          | Grade | Homeroom      |  |
| Parent Email Address: |       | Parent Phone: |  |