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Hello to all those helping students come to WA's Music Fest,

For those who don't know me, my name is Davina Fingerson. I am the music director at Wisconsin Academy. We're excited about our upcoming Music Festival for grades 7 – 10 which will take place March 30 – April 1. It should be a wonderful festival with good music and enjoyable interaction for the participants.

It will begin on Thursday afternoon, March 30, with registration and end with a concert at 3:30 on Sabbath afternoon.

A new addition this year is digital registration. Please register digitally this year. You can follow the "Music" link under the "Learning" tab on our website, wiscad.org, and will find links for "Music Fest". All registration and information materials are posted there. Please feel free to copy/print any that you would like to distribute. All registrations need to be completed by February 28. You may bring the registration fees with you March 30 to the festival. Please make checks payable to "Wisconsin Academy".

There will be five songs for the festival choir this year. You can go to our website, "wisacad.org" and access links to all of the information and forms included in this packet. There are also links to recordings of the music. Hopefully you can use these to help the participants learn their music. In addition to any rehearsals you can have with them, the students should listen to the recordings to hear and practice their lines. They can sing along as they learn their parts.

I will leave it to you to decide what part each of your students should sing. Unchanged male voices should practice for the soprano and alto lines..

The two-part songs are fairly normal two-part pieces. Both ladies' and men's voices will be doing both lines. The lower men's voices that have changed, also known as basses, and lower women's voices, known as altos should do the lower Part II. The higher men's voices that have changed, known as tenors, and the higher women's voices, known as sopranos, should do the higher Part I.

When we begin practice on campus, we may have to do some switching of parts depending on the numbers in each part.

We also plan on having a Friday evening Vespers program this year with your schools participating. I know it can be intimidating to participate, but it is such a blessing to share the gifts God has given us. I hope you will consider doing something for our vespers. It can be done in a group or by individuals. Any music you can do will be wonderful, but we won't limit it to only music. Worship skits and recitations would be completely appropriate. We just want the kids to really get involved, whatever their comfort level.



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I want to encourage you to come. It's quite an adventure, singing in a mass choir, even though our voices do get tired. It also allows students to meet and collaborate with other students from around the state in a very positive experience.

This packet contains music, and forms needed for registering, though we would like registration to be completed online by February 28. **If you do not register online, *please*** send the registration forms back by ***February 28***. It gives me an idea of how much music to order and we can get started working on the t-shirts, etc. Without this information, I have to guess on numbers and sizes which will cost us more. We are trying to hold the costs down.

Feel free to call or email me if any questions come up.

Thank you for all the hard work you do on behalf of the Music Festival both in preparation and sponsoring during the festival. Your involvement is key to its success.

Blessings,

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