

Music Notes

We know Spring is here when we start looking forward to vocal auditions! Delegation Madness Week is just around the corner! Here are some things to remember if your child will be auditioning.

- **The audition date has been changed from its original date because of the track meet also scheduled for that day. It is May 15th.
- **The week of May 11th are rehearsal days beginning with a May 11th afternoon rehearsal and ending with a May 15th morning rehearsal. The morning rehearsals go from 7:50 - 8:05 and the afternoon rehearsals go from 3:15 - 3:40. Your child does not need to attend all rehearsals but they should attend enough rehearsals so that they know the dance portion of the audition well.
- **The audition forms will be available beginning May 4th. They must be returned by May 13th. It is important to have all measurements included on the forms as Delegation is buying new outfits this year.
- **Audition times will be posted by May 14th. They may switch times with another student, but it is their responsibility to inform the director of any changes. No late auditions are permitted. Lists of those students selected will be posted at the school the Monday after auditions.
- **Auditions consist of:
 - a group dance (approximately 5 to a group)
 - singing 'America (My Country 'Tis of Thee), first verse, acappella
 - a one-minute solo of their choice (may be under one minute but not over), acappella
 - singing a scale (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do) both up and down, acappella
- **The student wears a number, and is identified by that number. The students go in to the judges together for the group dance, and then they go in separately to perform their solos.
- **Students will be judged on the following criteria:
 1. Quality of singing voice - pitch and tone
 2. Dance steps & stage presence - it is important to look energetic and smile!
 3. A team teachers evaluation - this evaluation will center on the students responsibility, dependability, cooperativeness, and school performanceThe quality of the singing voice counts for 50% of the total score, dance and stage presence are 25% and the teacher evaluation is 25%.
- **Eighth grade members of Delegation plan the audition dance segment. They also lead the after-school and before-school practices.
- **Students are rank-ordered from the highest score to the lowest. Selection into a special choir is determined by total score.
- **The number of students selected is determined at the discretion of the director. This number may vary from year to year.
- **An individual students score may be given to the student and their parents; however looking at the scores of other students will not be allowed.
- **The students vocal auditions may be recorded.
- **Previous membership in a select choir does not guarantee re-selection.

Delegation is looking for the 'best of the best. We hope to see your child at the vocal auditions.

STUDENTS SELF-MANAGING THEIR HEALTH CONDITIONS AT SCHOOL

For the school year 2009-2010, students with the health conditions of diabetes, asthma or anaphylaxis (severe life-threatening allergic reaction) can be allowed to self-manage those conditions where certain requirements are met. Parents/guardians must sign a medication consent form which includes verification that they have developed a plan with their health care provider to report and supervise self-administration. The consent also includes a release of liability for the school district if the child is self-administering their inhaler, insulin or Epi-pen. All students carrying inhalers will be requested to have such a signed consent, in addition to an asthma action plan filed at their school. Copies of the consent and plan will be included in the initial newsletter for the '09-'10 school year. Please contact your school nurse with concerns or further instruction.

