Dear Families of the Singing Seventh Grade Chorus students,

**Please mark your calendars:**

What: 7th Grade Chorus Concert
Where: Valley High School Performing Arts Center!!!!!!
       3650 Woodland Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266
When: 6:00pm, Monday April 30, 2018
       Concert will last approximately 45 minutes.

FYI - 8th grade vocal concert is at 8pm, and those students and families will be leaving when the 8th grade students are being dropped off.

**Students –Meet in the PAC auditorium early for practice!!! (east side of VHS – off Valley West Drive)**

**Stage Warm-up Time 4:45-5:45pm, VALLEY PAC**

***Concert Attire:** The bottom line is to look “professional”.
If you are unable to procure the proper attire, please contact me in advance. We have some concert clothes to loan out to students!

Guidelines: Colors - solids or patterns in black, white, gray

**GENTLEMEN details:** Borrowing from HS concert guidelines: Men, pressed slacks, long-sleeve button down shirt with a tie. Dress shoes with long dress socks that match the color of the shoe and a belt that also matches the color of the shoes.
Colors: Black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks, white shirt (OR black, gray, patterned with those shades is fine). Please note -We have many neckties to go with that button down shirt. Your son is free to pick one out in advance; I will not be transporting very many neckties to VHS.
Ties that are darker in hue are preferred. I do not know how to tie a tie…. Boys will have to help each other out.

**LADIES details:** Borrowing from HS concert guidelines: dresses, skirts or slacks, dress shirts, nice sweaters - no skirts above knee length, please wear tights or hose with skirt/dress, dress shoes with low heels or flats - avoid tops that are not wide enough to cover undergarments. Hair accessories should be close the color of your hair, or not too flashy. Keep jewelry and polish colors modest. If anyone has a question about an outfit please feel free to take a photo and send it to me. (Colors: black, gray, patterned with those shades is fine).

We have loaner concert clothes that might fit your student. They need to see me after school ASAP.

**As stated in the vocal handbook, concerts are mandatory and are a significant part of the chorus grade. The concert is a public demonstration of what the students have learned in chorus class.**

If a student is unable to attend a concert, an alternate form of make-up work involving similar skills needed for a concert will be required in order for students to receive credit.

**Students have been informed of Combined Rehearsals, and the schedule is on the website stjhchorus.weebly.com**
Thursday April 26, 1st period = everyone in 7th gr. chorus, 4th period = all boys, 5th period = all girls
Monday April 30, Tiger Time= everyone in 7th gr. chorus, 4th period = all girls, 5th period = all boys
*Please e-mail me if you have questions or concerns for the quickest response. gedlerk@wdmcs.org
Thank you! Mrs. Gedler

fyi: If a singer’s behavior is UNACCEPTABLE during rehearsals or the concert, I reserve the right to REMOVE THEM FROM THE CONCERT PERFORMANCE, and the work will be made up by singing the concert as a solo or small group. PLEASE NOTE: Student cell phone use is prohibited during the concert performances.