

SOLO-ENSEMBLE CONTEST

January 4, 2010

Dear Choir Students and Parents:

Northside ISD sponsors a middle school Solo and Ensemble Contest during the second semester of choir. This contest is open to all eligible students in *sixth, seventh, and eighth grades*.

In preparing for the contest, students are given the opportunity to receive individual vocal instruction and a small group experience. The music for the contest is selected from a Prescribed Music List for all Texas students.

The student performances are assessed at the contest. Constructive criticism is given to the student through a written critique from the judge. Students will earn a medal for a superior performance and a ribbon for an excellent performance.

The contest will be held on Thursday, February 25 at *Rawlinson Middle School* for the sixth graders. The contest will be held on Thursday, April 8 at *Rawlinson Middle School* for the seventh and eighth graders. Students are assigned individual times for their performances. If your child has a special request for time, please let me know as soon as possible. There are no contest fees to enter.

Solo accompanist fees are assessed. The accompanist fee for a Class One Solo or Class Two Solo is \$25.00. The accompanist fee for a Class Three Solo is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to Jane Allen, our accompanist for the contest.

Solo and Ensemble Contest is a wonderful learning experience which promotes vocal growth and musical development in our young musicians. I encourage all students to participate.

Thank you,

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