

**TO: Rawlinson Choir Students and Parents**  
**FR: Mrs. Marian L. Cates, Choir Director**  
**DATE: Monday, January 4, 2010**  
**RE: UIL Concert and Sight-reading Competition**

With our return from a well-deserved vacation, many exciting events are on the horizon which keeps us working hard and challenged. **UIL Concert and Sight-reading Competition is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** and will soon be here! UIL competition will be scheduled during a regular school day. Choir students will earn the opportunity to represent our school and perform at UIL. In order to adequately prepare for this competition, it is important that every singer understand the UIL guidelines & preparation process for participation in the UIL competing choir representing the Rawlinson Choral Department. The guidelines and process are as follows:

1) attendance at morning sectionals - please check schedule; 2) attendance at our UIL after school rehearsal (date TBA) with a guest choral director; 3) completion of 70% of all weekly practice sheets due on Friday; 4) eligible with a 70 or above in all classes for the 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks; 5) director approval of performance preparation, demonstrating sight-reading knowledge & vocal/musical abilities on UIL concert songs and 6) participation in the Pre-UIL lecture concert, March 4 at Rawlinson MS Cafeteria at 7 PM).

As we progress through UIL preparation, please understand the importance of practice and extra rehearsals outside of the choral class. Sectionals, for example, are used to reinforce part-learning and sight-reading skills necessary for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs. Practice sheets indicate study time outside of the class, which reinforces the lesson. (Please see the UIL 2010 study schedule.) Although practice at home requires students to take their music home, choir folders are **always** needed **in class** every day, which is part of the daily participation grade.

Please help your child be successful in choir during our competition preparation time. With the awesome talent of our students and combined with your help, the **Rawlinson Contest Choirs** will come home once again with **UIL Concert/Sight-Reading Sweepstakes Trophies** on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, feel free to call the choir office at **397-4962 X 3131** between **10:10-11:00 a.m.** and leave a message. I will return your call. Thank you for your time, cooperation, and support to our choral department! You are fantastic!!!

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I have read the UIL guidelines & process for selection to represent Rawlinson Middle School and desire to be a part of this endeavor. I agree to prepare accordingly for UIL competition and understand that 100% commitment is asked to be successful.

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature

**Important UIL Dates & Times**

**Monday – 7:30-8:20 AM:** Sight-reading Sectional for ALL UIL Choirs

**Wednesday – 7:30-8:20 AM:** 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade INTERMEDIATE CHOIR Sectional

**Thursday – 7:30-8:20 AM:** 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade ADVANCED CHOIR Soprano/Alto Sectional

**Friday – 7:30-8:20 AM:** 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade TENOR-BASS CHOIR Sectional

<b>**Every Friday: Practice Sheets Due With Parent Signature**</b>
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January 15: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks

January 22: Report cards issued

**Students passing all classes will be eligible to compete at UIL.**

Week of February 16: 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Progress Reports

**ONLY students passing all classes will be eligible to compete at UIL.**

February – Date TBA: 3:40 – 6:00 PM

**After school rehearsal for a clinic/rehearsal with a guest conductor**

February – Date TBA : Class time

**Clinic/rehearsal with a guest conductor**

March – Date TBA: 3:40 – 6:00 PM

**After school rehearsal for a clinic/rehearsal with a guest conductor**

**\*Thursday, March 4<sup>h</sup>: Pre-UIL Concert at Rawlinson 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>:**

**UIL Concert & Sight-reading Choir Competition**

**Site: Crossroads Baptist Church**

**Time: TBA**