Dear Parents,

 The 2013-2014 school year looks to be a busy one in the LHS/KMS Music Department. Things may be a bit different this year due to schedule changes but I’m sure we will have a successful year, as always. Because of the size of the department, it has become necessary to set up guidelines for some of our events that must be followed. I hope the following material will help.

**MUSIC FUNDRAISER – Big Change this year**

Just some quick guidelines:

* **We WILL collect money when ordering – must pay up front**.
* Order forms due **Friday, September 27th**.
* NO door to door sales please!!!
* MUST pick up order on delivery day – items will need refrigeration.
* Checks should be made payable to LHS Music Dept.

**2013-2014**

**Music Department Calendar**

November 14, 16 – All County Music Festival

December 4 – KMS Winter Concert 7pm

December 11 – LHS Winter Concert 7pm

January 30, Feb. 1 – All County Music Festival

March 5 – Music In Our Schools Concert 7pm

March 26 - LHS Cabaret 7pm

May 15 – LHS Spring Concert 7pm

May 22 – KMS Spring Concert 7pm

**MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS CONCERTS**

 The Music In Our Schools concert is on March 5th in the LHS gymnasium. More information will follow in February.

**CONCERT DRESS CODE**

 Students in the Music Department work very hard in preparation for the concerts. It has been proven that performing groups that look professional also sound better. I am very conservative when it comes to concert dress. If I feel any concert clothing is too revealing, your child will be asked to change into something we have available. If a family cannot provide the correct clothing, please let me know **well in advance**. I will provide the clothing! I do need to know ahead of time.

Girls: Black skirts for Dec. & May concerts. NO MINI SKIRTS!!!!

 Black pants are allowed for the March concert.

White blouse or shirt with at least some sleeve – NO sleeveless shirts or spaghetti straps. Please no off-white shirts – they stand out.

 Boys: Black dress pants and shoes.

 White dress shirt – long or short sleeve OK.

 Please iron the white shirts.

**CONCERT BEHAVIOR**

 As always at KMS and LHS, the faculty and staff are stressing character education and are concentrating on the area of respect. I hope the parents and families will help out by showing the performing groups the respect they deserve. This can be done by:

* Remaining for the entire concert – not just for your child.
* Not calling out to your child or any performer.
* Entering or leaving in between songs only – not in the middle of songs.
* Keeping other younger children quiet and in their seats.

**CONCERT ATTENDANCE**

 Concert attendance is required for all performing groups! This is one area we really need to improve upon. We all need to teach the children that a commitment is a commitment. Legal excuses include absence from school on the day of the concert or death in the family. Any illegal absence from a concert will result in a reduction of the student’s grade by 50% for that quarter. If transportation is a problem, please let me know – I will find your child a ride! It’s a big disappointment for a child to miss a concert after all the preparation. I have noticed a decline in concert attendance and really hope that we can fix this. Students and families need to understand that being a member of a performing group is a big commitment! I hope attendance improves this year! All KMS students who attend all the concerts will be invited to the Perfect Concert Attendance Party at the end of the school year.

 As you can see by the calendar above, there are many positive things happening in the Music Department. I feel fortunate to be able to work with the students of Lansingburgh in the various educational and performance opportunities that are offered throughout the year. I hope to see you at these events and I thank you for your support. Feel free to contact me at 233-6806 ext. 31350 or rshepher@lansingburgh.org with any questions or concerns.

Rebecca Shepherd

Choir Director

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Please return the bottom portion of this sheet to Mrs. Shepherd by October 1st.

 I have gone over the requirements for choir with my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I understand the guidelines and will support the Choral Program by making sure my child attends the concerts and wears the appropriate clothing.

 Signed,

 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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