

Hello 5th Grade Families,

Your fifth grader will visit us at East Middle School on Friday, January 31, to hear our amazing Middle School Band, Choir, and Orchestra students perform. Our sixth graders are so excited to perform for your students!

When your student enters middle school, **he/she** will choose a music class. The choices are Band (woodwinds, brass, and percussion), Orchestra (strings), and **Choir** (singing). Please see the email you received from Mrs. Cummings for the process of choosing an instrument for band and orchestra. However, if your student is interested in singing, they will want to join Choir!

New this year! Your student can “try on” choir to see if it is the right fit for him/her! We will have one-time-only choir class for your student to experience with us! This event will be held on **Tuesday, February 11 from 4:00-5:45pm in the choir room at West Middle School.** Pick Up and Drop off will be door #14. This event is for students planning to enroll in 6th grade at Brownsburg EAST or WEST middle school next year. Please register online no later than Friday, February 7.

Sign up for this experience HERE: <https://forms.gle/m7p44sUzuXziFmoC8>

The Choir “Try On” Night is NOT a requirement to join choir in middle school, so if your child can’t make it, don’t worry! Just let the school counselors know that your child would like to join choir when you schedule those classes for next year!

What to expect from Middle School Choir:

Your student will begin singing on day one! We learn and practice proper techniques for singing, learn songs from various styles, cultures and time periods, cover the basics on reading music, and gain experience in performing for an audience. Our sixth grade singers begin singing in 2-3 parts, and are introduced to choreography with amazing guest choreographers! They also learn about team work and leadership; we strive to build confidence in their individual skill, as well as an understanding of how amazing it is to sing with a large group.

If you have a student who is really excited to start singing and dancing, watch for info about our upcoming Summer Show Choir Camp Extravaganza! This camp is open to students currently in 5-8th grade. Singers get to work with our award-winning BHS Show Choir directors, choreographer, and students! (We are scheduled for June 15-19 in the brand new BHS Auditorium!)

Thank you for your time. We look forward to working with many of these fifth graders next year! Feel free to email either of us with any questions or visit our website at www.brownsburgmschoir.com.

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