

May 8, 2008

**Choir Registration Form:
2008-2009 Academic Year**

Dear Parents/Guardians of incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade students:

As the 2007 – 2008 school year comes to a close, it is the hope of the Nippersink Middle School Music Department that your child becomes apart of the rapidly growing choir program. A set schedule has not been finalized for next year, but it is highly important for us to have an idea as to how many students are interested in participating.

Traditionally, the 6th grade choir will meet during the first session of Encore (approximately 30 minutes), allowing the students to attend lunch in the second half of the period (approximately 30 minutes). It has been proposed that students in 7th and 8th grade be allowed the opportunity to meet during Enrichment, allowing the students to sing everyday as a group. These students would then have the opportunity to take part in Encore, or another activity during that period.

Students who participate in the choral program will have the opportunity to perform in concerts at the Middle School (approximately two concerts for 6th grade, approximately three concerts for 7th/8th grade). Students may also have the opportunity to participate in Solo and Ensemble competition in February, Fox Valley Honors Choir Festival in April, and the 8th grade Graduation Ceremony.

Students who participate in the choral program will learn a variety of challenging literature, as well as the fundamentals of singing/performing as a group. It is our strong belief as the music department that music is an integrated part of life, and that it contains intrinsic qualities such as creativity, and expression of one's innermost feelings. Music also allows students to cross cultural barriers increasing awareness and appreciation of our heritages. Most important, music is a fun activity that boosts self-esteem and provides a feeling of accomplishment.

At Nippersink Middle School, we treat choir as an academic class and want the students to understand that they need to be committed to their ensemble throughout the academic year. Please discuss these options with your son/daughter. Any questions you have may be directed to Mr. Mazzetti (Director of Choirs) at extension 406 or via email at (dmazzetti@nsd2.com).

If you are returning member, please return the form to the school office, or to Mr. Mazzetti (room 126). For incoming 6th grade students, please mail the attached form to the following address:

Attn: Dino Mazzetti
Nippersink Middle School
10006 Main Street
Richmond, IL 60071

Sincerely,

Dino J. Mazzetti
Director of Vocal Music, NMS

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Student Name (first and last): _____

Grade Level for 2008 – 2009: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone(Home): _____ Phone(Work): _____

Choir: _____ yes, I am interested in joining Choir at NMS