

1st Round All-State Auditions

Schools and directors **must** use the official registration form and be completely and accurately filled in with all information provided, including all phone numbers, etc.

- Students will provide their first 2 preferences of time blocks on the registration form. Block 1 = 8-11am, Block 2 = 11am-12:30pm, Block 3 = 1-3:30pm. Students requesting Block 3 audition time must be checked in by 1pm. Students must check in 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time block. Check in will be held in the hallway next to the Band Room in the Fine Arts Building on the Catholic High School campus.
- Students must check off all the choirs they wish to audition for on the registration form; all-state, district, and all-parish. Students should also include their phone numbers on the registration forms.
- Audition numbers will be pre-assigned. Those in charge of registration will have lists with audition numbers already assigned.
- Students will sit in numerical order in voice parts while in the warm-up room. Adult supervision is required in the Band Room.
- The 5 top-ranked students will be selected to continue on to 2nd round auditions, the top 10 ranked students will be selected to District Honor choir plus two alternates. Brenda Walker will determine the list for All-Parish choir from the rankings of all students and those whose schools are within East Baton Rouge parish.
- 1st round audition fee is \$10 per student. Checks should be mailed with the registration forms.
- Each director from each participating school is required to pay a District IV Choral Directors' Association fee of \$25 before his or her students are allowed to audition. Students from a school whose director has not paid the \$25 fee will not be scheduled to audition.
- There will be make-shift screens in audition rooms to help prevent judges from seeing students.
- Two judges will be assigned to each voice part. Judges are not to look at students.
- Judges will be instructed to have students practice for one minute and then sight-read for the rating after the one minute practice time. Ratings cannot be given during practice time.
- Sight-reading sheets will be taped to music stands.
- Judges' audition sheets will not be given to directors. Adjudication sheets will be color-coded according to the 8 different voice parts.
- Monitors for the judges' rooms should not remain in the audition room while a student is auditioning nor should the monitor discuss the student's audition with the judges. Monitor's responsibilities include announcing the student's audition number to the judges and starting the CD for the audition and then leaving the room. Monitors should make sure the student does not take the music provided on the stand out of the audition room including the sight-reading exercise.
- Directors of students who make the top 5 ranking should be ready to pay the \$12 second round fee before leaving the auditions. Make checks payable to District IV CDA.
- 1st round auditions will be held at Catholic High School on Saturday, September 13, 2008.
- Teachers/directors/monitors should be at Catholic High School no later than 7:30am and should stay until the end of the auditions to help with clean-up and tear-down.
- Registration deadline of students who are auditioning will be strictly enforced. Postmark deadline is **Monday, August 25, 2008**. Please mail registration forms and checks to

Steve Galliano, 855 Hearthstone Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. Please do not call me at school. If you need to speak to me please call my cell at 302-0542. Please feel free to e-mail me any changes, additions or deletions you have at least 2 days prior to the auditions at sgalliano@catholichigh.org.

- Results of the auditions will be available at the end of the day and will also be posted online at www.districtiv.org
- Students should be notified immediately of their rankings and reminded of upcoming dates of rehearsals and deadlines for 2nd round and District Honor Choir.
- District Honor Choir participation fee is \$15 per student and should be paid no later than the second rehearsal for District Honor Choir. Only one check per school will be accepted. Checks made payable to District IV CDA.
- Walkie Talkies will be provided during the auditions for teacher/monitor communication with warm-up room, registration and audition rooms.