

October 5, 2022

Re: Special Choir for November 3 MANS Teacher Conference

Dear Our Savior Families,

This year, the MANS (Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools) Conference is being hosted in Lansing. Our own Mr. Couser is on the planning team for this conference, and we are looking forward to its being a really productive time! On **Thursday, November 3**, the Lansing area Christian middle schools have been asked to sing a piece for the opening session. Students will be gathering at the Lansing Center at **7:45am to warm up and get organized and perform around 8:30**. The song itself isn't very long (here's a recording of a choir singing our piece: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A-8r_lbOpE); after we sing, students would be free to leave by 9:00. We would ask that singers wear concert attire (no jeans or sweatpants).

This is a day we do not have school, as the teachers at OSL (and about 1,000 other teachers) will be at this conference. This, of course, makes this performance rather inconvenient, but it is also an amazing opportunity for our students to bless a lot of teachers, and serve the kids in the other schools. We have some of the largest and most established choirs in any Christian school in the greater Lansing area this year; it would be a big encouragement for the kids (and teachers) from other schools whose choirs are much smaller if we were a large part of the combined choir. The fifth and sixth graders will be learning the piece in class but we will be arranging rehearsals for willing students in seventh and eighth grades as well. Our song will be attached to the invocation for the conference, either before or after the prayer to start the conference, so it will also be a great opportunity for our kids to sing for a large audience, as well!

If you could help us have an idea of how many kids we will be working with, that would be wonderful. **Please fill out this (three question) Google Form** to let us know if your child will, might, or will not be able to serve in this way this time:
<https://forms.gle/KT39CCYxvaB3eaZHA>

I already shared this story with the fifth and sixth grade choir, but was so charmed that I wanted to make sure the other families heard the story, too: I announced at IHM (my other school), that we would have the opportunity to sing at the MANS conference, and told them that OSL would be sending some kids, too. One of the choir members told me that she would be happy to do something like this with the kids from Our Savior because they had always been really nice at sporting events... and several of her classmates agreed with her assessment. I was (and am!) exceedingly proud of our students, who are making good impressions in many different arenas!

May God bless your day!
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