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VIRGIL I. GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL  
CHORAL DEPARTMENT

***GRISSOM CHOIR***

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Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations! Your student has been selected to participate in the highly anticipated 2023 All-City Choral Festival from October 16th-17th. The festival is sponsored by the Huntsville Choral Directors Association (HCDA). This year, we have two outstanding choral directors, Dr. Valerie Harris and Mr. Jeremy Jordan who will serve as guest conductors for the festival and concert. More information concerning our clinicians can be found at [www.allcitychoir.org](http://www.allcitychoir.org).

The festival consists of a one day rehearsal on Monday October 16th, and a concert on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30pm at First Baptist Church on Governors Drive (600 Governors Dr SW, Huntsville, AL 35801). The schedule for the High School Festival is shown below:

**Rehearsal/Performance Schedule:**

Monday, October 16th	9:00	Arrive First Baptist
	9:30-11:30	Festival Rehearsal
	11:30-12:00	Battle Hymn Rehearsal
	12:00-12:45	Pizza Lunch (provided)
	12:45-3:30	Festival Rehearsal
	3:40	Depart First Baptist
Tuesday, October 17th	7:00pm	Report Time (in concert uniform)
	7:30pm	All-City Choral Festival HS Concert

**Attendance Policy:**

Because there will be no rehearsals prior to the actual festival, it is imperative that students be present for the entire festival at First Baptist in order to rehearse with the clinicians and sing in the concert. Attendance at each rehearsal is taken and if students are tardy or absent, he/she will be dismissed from the festival and will not be allowed to sing in the concert.

Student must come prepared with rehearsal materials (All City music in black folder with measures numbered, pencil, and water bottle). These items will not be provided at the rehearsal space. Students must also abide by HCS and Grissom High School dress code and policies at this event.

Please enter & exit through either entrance #2 or #3 (entrances facing Governor's Drive) for rehearsals. More information concerning the attendance policy and the festival can be found at [www.allcitychoir.org](http://www.allcitychoir.org).

### **Transportation:**

Parents/Guardians and/or Students are responsible for **ALL** transportation to/from the Monday rehearsal and the concert Tuesday evening. Please make sure that your student is dropped off & picked up promptly for all rehearsals. This ensures the safety of all students.

Please scan or click the QR code to access the HCS Field-Trip Permission Form for Private Transportation. All Parents/Guardians must complete the form no later than Friday, October 13th, 2023.



### **Chaperones:**

We are in need of at least 5 parent chaperones for the rehearsal on Monday. These chaperones will be required to stay at First Baptist through the rehearsal on Monday. If you would like to chaperone, please email Mr. Ratcliff at [tucker.ratcliff@hsv-k12.org](mailto:tucker.ratcliff@hsv-k12.org)

### **Attire:**

Students are to wear this years Grissom Choir T-Shirt to the rehearsal on Monday. If you do not have this shirt, please wear any Grissom Choir T-Shirt to the rehearsal. Students are to wear their Grissom Choir Uniform to the All City Concert Tuesday night. For those students who are receiving a new Uniform, you will receive it by the concert!

### **Concert:**

This year, there will be 2 separate concerts: A Middle School concert at 6:00p.m., and a High School concert at 7:30p.m. High School students are not required to be at the Middle School concert. Instead, High School students are to be at First Baptist for final preparations by 7:00pm dressed in their concert uniform. Parking will be an issue, so please make sure to arrive early enough to find a parking spot. Parking and admission costs are covered by the Festival Fee (\$30) - Information about the fee is shown below. Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend.

### **Festival Fee:**

Due on **My Music Office** or the Money Box by Friday, October 13th, 2023

A fee of \$30.00 is charged for all students who pass the audition and are selected to participate in the All-City festival. This covers guest conductors' expenses, concert facility use, & lunch. By charging this fee, there will be no admission charge to the concert or parking expense as well. Alongside this fee, please scan the QR code above to access the HCS Field-Trip Permission Form for Private Transportation no later than the deadline above. If you have Fundraising or Miscellaneous credits in **My Music Office**, you may apply these credits to this fee. Those that do not submit these items by this deadline will not be allowed to rehearse or perform in this years festival.