

Important Information for Parents of Madrigal Singers October 25, 2017

The Madrigals Singers Dinner Show is less than one month away. It's an exciting time! The kids are working hard on the script, their music, and the overall show. These last few weeks before the show do require some parent support and involvement to ensure a successful show. Please review the following:

It's Time to Finalize your Student's Costume

Your students should have a plan for their costumes for the show. This year, the cast will wear traditional Renaissance-style costumes to align with the era of the show and to ensure continuity on stage.

While students are responsible for their own costumes, we do have some suggestions and lessons learned.

- Creativity is encouraged, but stay within a general Renaissance theme.
- Student typically dress according to given character and role.
- It's ideal to work with your partner(s) to match in some way.
- While many students enjoy designing costumes on their own, a wide variety of costumes are available at the school. They likely need some sewing attention, but are available free to use.

If you don't already have a plan for costumes, we have had good success with one particular costume rental shop in Golden Valley. They are aware of our event, have been reasonably priced (about \$65), and are helpful to students. Here is their contact information:

Norcostco
825 Rhode Island South
Golden Valley, MN 55426
Phone: 763-544-0601

We have a few important milestones to consider.

Monday, October 30: Students need to have submitted their costume design, theme, and/or color. Pictures are helpful. Send information to student director, mikaylalindquist1@gmail.com.

Friday, November 10: All costumes, props, and accessories need to be approved by Mr. Telschow or student directors.

Wednesday, November 15: All costume pieces must be in for dress rehearsals and the shows.

Madrigal Singers at the Anoka Halloween Parade, October 28

One of the students' favorite activities is walking and singing in the Anoka Halloween Parade in Madrigal costumes. They will use old costumes from the school for the parade to preserve their actual costumes for the show. This is a nice outreach to the community and genuinely a good time. Please be sure your Madrigal Singer is at the high school by 10 am on Saturday morning to get their costume and carpool to Anoka. Advise students to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather --- they will be walking the full route. The actual parade starts at 1:00pm for those who wish to cheer on our Madrigal Singers. We could use a couple more parents to walk with the students to hand out candy and flyers. Reply to this email if you can help out.

Parent Help with the Shows

Parents are very needed and expected to help at the Madrigal Singer Dinners and during the set up needed the weekend prior to the shows. Many hands make light work and we hope that each student will have parent commit to help in at least two time slots. Select your preferred time through the online volunteer signup system: <http://signup.com/go/HLbWtwP>

Promotions and Ticket Sales

Parents often have the best opportunity to promote and encourage the community to come to our show. Our students thrive with a full audience, and you can help. Please reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors to invite them to our performances. Consider reserving a full table and invite others to join you. Use email, social media, or direct contact.

Attached is a poster/flyer that we would like promoted. Please print and share if you have an appropriate place to post this.

Silent Auction Help

New this year, we will have a Silent Auction to accompany the shows. We are collecting donations of theme baskets, gift certificates, or other items are needed to ensure a nice selection of auction items for each night. Please let us know what you plan to send via the [online form](#) on our website.