

Valley Forge Middle School
October 14, 2010

Dear Music Parents,

Your son is invited to participate in a special event for middle school and high school boys in the T/E school district – both those who currently participate in the choral program and those who might like to explore this opportunity.

On Tuesday, November 9, 2010 boys from Valley Forge Middle, T/E Middle and Conestoga will join to participate in *Guys Harmonize* at the high school. At this one-day workshop, the middle school boys will sing with the young men of Conestoga's choirs to learn new songs, participate in fun music activities, have lunch, and end with a vertical – 5th through 12th grade Men's Mini-Concert for friends and family. The concert performance will be from 1:35-2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this event is to provide a safe, nurturing atmosphere where the boys will further develop a positive attitude about singing in a chorus. In a time when boys are searching for identity, boys who sing in the middle school need a positive attitude about themselves and an understanding of what is happening with their voices. Singing is personal, and boys who sing in the middle school take risks and deal with peer pressure. The female choral directors, genuinely interested in working with the adolescent male voice, have created this day so that our singing middle school boys will hear high school young men model a mature male singing voice. At this event, the boys will experience singing with high school boys who are tenors and basses and excellent vocal models. Hopefully our boys will come away with a sense of community and of belonging.

Two invitations and two permission forms are included with this letter – one for your son and the second for him to invite a friend to attend this special event. Permission forms may be returned to the music office at Valley Forge Middle School. The form may also be found at our department website, www.vfmsmusic.com. Click “Choral”, then “Guys Harmonize”. Please return permission forms by Thursday, October 21, 2010.

Thank you for supporting your son and his love of music and singing.

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