

## BATAVIA HS SHOW CHOIR COMPETITION INFORMATION

### Competition Schedule 2016

January 23 – Crete Monee Show Choir Spectacular

February 13 – Chesterton Trojan Classic

~~February 27 – Brodhead In The Spotlight~~

March 5 – Glenwood The Event

### Why do we compete?

In our particular bubble of high school show choir, there are not a lot of opportunities for performance outside the school. There are no “festivals” for show choir. The only real outlet for being able to participate in this community is through competition.

That being said, here is a reminder of why we do compete.

- To share our show that we've worked so hard on with other high school programs who love to do the same thing
- To watch and learn from other high school programs
- To push ourselves to continually improve our show and to turn out a better performance each time we take the stage
- To meet new friends from other high schools across the Midwest
- To gain performance experience
- To benefit from the feedback of judges who are professionals in this field

NOT to “beat” another group, to get a trophy, to be overly critical of other groups or performances, or to try to win.

It is sometimes much too easy to get swept up in the excitement of a competition, both parents and students alike. However, please try to keep in the back of your minds that each and every student there, whether or not you liked their show or their costumes, has spent just as much time working on their show, has sweat just as much as you have, and is just as excited to be there. Do not allow the competition atmosphere permeate our group attitude. Be positive, polite, and supportive to everyone.

## **General Information:**

Students will be given a different schedule for each of these events based upon the schedule we receive from the host schools. We will send out an individual itinerary with the students the week of each event with all event-specific information, including arrival, departure, and performance times.

Our call times for these competitions are generally very early in the morning. Please set extra alarms and arrange to have a wake-up buddy. Choose a friend and agree to text or call each other in the morning so that someone knows you are up and moving. That morning, when students arrive, they will check in themselves and their costume pieces, and we will load and board the buses. There is not a very large window of time between our call time at the school and our departure from the school. It is VERY important that all students make it to BHS by the assigned call time. If a student does not make it to the school by the time the buses need to leave, it will be the student's responsibility to find a way to get to the competition.

Girls will be expected to arrive at the school with their hair done. Curlers can stay in on the longer bus rides (we will specify which these are) if necessary, but there is not enough time to use a curling iron for anything but touch ups at the school before our performance times.

Most of these days (with the exception of February 27, where all students will be back in the early afternoon) are longer days, and should Swingsingers qualify for the Finals round of competition at any of these events they will be even longer. Students will be instructed to contact their rides when we leave the school and again when we are about 30 minutes away from the school. Again, we will distribute more specific information preceding each individual event.

## **What to bring:**

- ALL COSTUME PIECES (listed out on a separate sheet)
- Extra hose (ladies)
- Extra bobby pins (ladies)
- Curling iron (for last minute touch ups)
- Hairspray (anyone who needs it)
- All makeup (ladies)
- Deodorant (EVERYONE.)
- Sheet music for your solo if you are participating in solo competition
- Blanket for on the bus
- Money for food. No outside food is allowed at these events, but there will be food sold all day. \$20-\$25 should be plenty for the day.
- If you would like to purchase a DVD or a T-shirt from the competition, bring extra money. Shirts are usually around \$20 and DVDs are usually around \$25.

**What NOT to bring:**

- Valuables. Our homeroom will be locked whenever someone is in it, but anything you bring with you will be your responsibility that day. Don't bring anything that you don't want to end up lost.
- Food. There is no outside food allowed at these events. These schools are kind enough to host us in their classrooms and they ask that we don't bring food in and make a mess. We also need to respect that this is a fundraiser for these schools and their programs, and they ask that we just purchase our lunch there.

**What to wear:**

Attire for these events will be business casual. NO jeans and NO tennis shoes.

Gentlemen, please wear dress slacks or khakis with a button down, tie, nice sweater, etc.

Ladies, dress pants and a blouse or sweater would be acceptable. If you choose a dress or skirt please be mindful of the length. Nothing sleeveless, (if your dress is sleeveless, feel free to pair it with a cardigan, as long as the cardigan stays on) low cut, too short, too tight, or midriff exposing.

Bear in mind that you are representing yourselves, this program, Batavia High School, and in some cases, even the state of Illinois. Be professional.

**Reminders for the day of:**

Again, you are representing yourselves, your choir, your school... Behave accordingly. There is absolutely no room for negative comments or foul language during this experience. You never know who sitting behind you in the gym, standing next to you in the cafeteria, or inside a stall in the restroom. It could be a student, parent, or director from another school, or even a judge. Be mindful of what you're saying and how you are saying it at all times.

You are attending this event as a part of the BHS Show Choir program, and as such, it is expected that you will support every one of our school's performances, including solo competition. The first two or three rows of seats in the gym is always reserved for the performing school's students and parents, which means that when Legacy is performing, Swingsingers will be right there in the front cheering them on, and vice versa.

The homerooms will be locked during the day, so please keep everything you need with you. This is not a place to hang out/play games/nap during the day. It is expected that, outside of your performance times, you will be either in the cafeteria eating or in the gym watching groups and LEARNING!!! Soak up the knowledge, children.