



Dear Parents, Students, and Supporters of Millard Public Schools Show Choir:

After a long summer of working together with our administrators and colleagues, the Directors at Millard North, Millard South, and Millard West would like to provide the following information.

The coronavirus has affected so much of our lives and continues to alter how we live each and every day. In response to the risks associated with large group gatherings, there have been decisions made in the Show Choir community in Nebraska and around the country to cancel competitions for the 2021 season. Due to these cancellations, as Millard Vocal Directors, we believe it is necessary to modify our plans for the 20/21 Show Choir season.

- We will not travel or compete at any competitions, local or out-of-state.
 - Most local competitions have been cancelled for 2021.
- The three contests hosted in Millard (Millard North *Galaxy of the Stars*, Millard South *Stars on Stage*, and Millard West *Music Lives*) will not occur.
 - Most local programs will not be competing in 2021.
- We will not be preparing full competition shows and thus will not be purchasing costuming for this school year.
 - Most local programs have also decided against preparing competition shows.
- We will be asking for a smaller instructional fee for music and choreography.
 - More information will come from each program within the next few weeks.

We understand that this news is disappointing and not what anyone wanted to hear. However, Show Choir is not over! It will look and sound very different, but it is not cancelled. The plan is to have a Show Choir “season” between August and March with groups still meeting on a regular basis. Rehearsals, boot-camps, and possible performance opportunities will look different; schedules will be adjusted to fit the needs of each school.

We consider this an opportunity to explore what performing and story-telling can look like. We have been offered a chance to step back and focus on fundamentals and skills that are pertinent to communicating and performing with excellence. Without competition, Show Choir can truly be about the family, music, and personal improvement.

We, your directors, are sad. We wish the world were not as it is right now. Our hearts are broken with you; we were looking forward to the 20/21 competition season as well. We are passionate about and committed to creating beautiful and meaningful experiences with all of you this coming year.

Please stay safe for the rest of the summer, and know that we are thinking of you.

Sincerely,

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