

# 2020-2021 In-Step Information and Contract for Students and Parents

## Rehearsals

- Monday nights: Setup at 5; rehearsal 5:30-8:30 p.m. August 31, 2020-February 15, 2021 (Including Mondays we don't have school EXCEPT winter break)
- Wednesday Mornings 7:50-8:35am, October 28-February 17, 2021
- Friday Mornings 7:15-8:00am, October 30-February 19, 2021
- One final rehearsal March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm

## Rehearsal Alterations-

- **Mondays**
  - No rehearsal October 12<sup>th</sup> (Metro Marching-Unless it is rained out, then we'll rehearse)
  - No rehearsal October 19<sup>th</sup> (Band Extravaganza)
  - No rehearsal December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (Holiday Concerts)
  - No rehearsal December 28<sup>th</sup> (Winter Break)
- **Tuesdays**
  - Regular rehearsal October 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm (due to no rehearsal on 10/19)
  - Added Camp/rehearsal December 15, 5-8:30pm
- **Wednesdays**
  - No rehearsal November 25<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Break)
  - No rehearsal December 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup> (Winter Break)
- **Fridays**
  - No rehearsal November 20<sup>th</sup> (All State)
  - No rehearsal November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Break)
  - No rehearsal December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup> (Winter Break)

This schedule is rarely altered, but if extenuating circumstances (i.e., weather) occur, sufficient notice will be given. When there is late start due to weather, we will not have morning rehearsal. If school is released early due to weather, we will not have an evening rehearsal per district policy.

***The expectation is that every member will be on time and in attendance at all rehearsals. Any absence must be conveyed to Ms. Ohnemus ([jaclyn.ohnemus@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jaclyn.ohnemus@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) at least 24 hours before the rehearsal. If tardiness or attendance becomes a reoccurring issue, the student may be swung or removed from the group. Morning rehearsals ARE NOT to be missed due to making up tests and/or quizzes. Plan to make those things up after rehearsal or on a different morning.***

## Bonding/Meet & Greet

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Linn-Mar High School Choir Room

## Camps

Because so much learning and advancement occurs at these extended day camps, it is crucial for every member to clear his/her schedule and be in attendance. Few exceptions are allowed, and must be communicated to Ms. Ohnemus at least one week before the camp begins. Rehearsal BEGINS at the scheduled time. Please arrive early in order to be on time.

### August Camp with choreographer Lexi Robson

\*\*\*Wear a black t-shirt and bring a white t-shirt on August 3<sup>rd</sup>\*\*\*

- Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-9pm
- Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1-9pm
- Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 1-9pm
- Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 1-9pm
- Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 1-9pm

### Other Camp Dates

- Saturday, December 12, 9am-5pm
- Tuesday, December 15, 5-8:30pm
- Saturday, January 2, 9am-5pm

## Non-Competitive Performances

While the following performances are not competitive, they are crucial to the development of the show. Being excused from these performances must be arranged with Ms. Ohnemus at least one month prior to the date.

- Get in the Spirit: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm and 8pm
  - Individual and group pictures will be taken in the afternoon. Times TBA.
- Final Show Choir Concert: March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (Times TBA)

## Competitive Performances

These performances and competitions require the whole group to be in attendance. **An unexcused absence from one of these performances may result in dismissal from the group.**

- Ankeny Centennial Mid-Iowa Show Choir Championships: January 9, 2021
  - Ankeny Centennial High School, Ankeny, IA
- Linn-Mar Supernova: January 16, 2021 (exhibition show)
  - **All members are required to volunteer during this event**
- Prairie Premiere: January 30, 2021
  - Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Naperville North Show Choir Competition, Naperville, IL: February 13, 2020
  - We will travel to Naperville on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, stay overnight in a hotel, and return on the buses at the end of the competition on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Indianola Show Choir Encounter: February 20, 2021
  - Indianola High School, Indianola, IA
  - In Step and Hi-Style will attend this competition. 10<sup>th</sup> Street will attend a different competition the following weekend.

## **Grades:**

There will be a grade responsibility expectation for In-Step members. If a student fails a first quarter class, they will be removed from one non-competitive Get-in-the-Spirit show. **If a student fails a semester class, they will be removed from the group to focus on schoolwork.**

## **In-Step Fees:**

*The fee structure that has been created considers the design needs of the show while maintaining a fairness in distributing the cost to all participants. Furthermore, this structure lets you know the costs up front in the calendar year – we will not come back and ask you for more money. The itemized costs are as follows:*

\$315.00 – Construction/design of costume

85.00 – Shoes for performance & miscellaneous materials (belts, briefs, makeup, other accessories)

125.00 – Hotel and Travel Accommodations in Chicago

\$525.00—Total

## **Payments:**

\$ 262.50 due to Linn-Mar High School on **September 11, 2020**

\$ 262.50 due to Linn-Mar High School on **October 30, 2020.**

Please make all payments payable to Linn-Mar High School and take them to Joyce Dayton in the Cashier's office. **Directors will not collect any payments.** If you need a more flexible payment plan, please see Mrs. Buelt to make arrangements. If you find yourself in needing help financially, please talk to Mrs. Kim Buelt (KBuelt@linnmar.k12.ia.us) about scholarship opportunities.

**Signed contract is due to Ms. Ohnemus by August 7, 2020.**

## **Communication**

We often use Facebook groups to communicate with students and parents. This is a great place to share announcements, resources, pictures, videos, and interact with others in the LMHS show choir community. We encourage all parents to be members of the parent Facebook group (“In Step Parents 2020-2021”) and the “LM Show Choir Supporters” group. If your student does not have Facebook, you are able to join to the student group (“In Step 2020-2021”) to help monitor those updates, but we want to keep the student group primarily for students.

**Dates Compiled (All events at LMHS unless otherwise indicated):**

**\*Assume all Mondays will have regular 5:30-8:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Some students will have set up duties and need to be at practice at 5pm, while others will need to stay past 8:30pm for tear down.**

July 30<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm: In Step Bonding/Show Reveal (LMHS)

August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 1-9pm: In Step Choreography Camp

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 5-8:30pm: Start of regular Monday night rehearsal (5:30-8:30) & set up at 5pm

September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)- We DO have regular practice 5:30-8:30pm.

October 12<sup>th</sup>- NO REHEARSAL (If Metro Marching Band is rained out, we will meet)

October 19<sup>th</sup>- NO REHEARSAL (Band Extravaganza & Metro Marching Band rain make-up date)

October 20<sup>th</sup>- Regular rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm (due to no rehearsal on 10/19)

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:50-8:35am: Start of Wednesday morning rehearsals

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8am: Start of Friday morning rehearsals

November 20<sup>th</sup>: No Friday morning rehearsal (All State)

November 25-27<sup>th</sup>: No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving Break)

December 7<sup>th</sup>: No Rehearsal (Holiday 1 Concert)

December 12<sup>th</sup>: 9am-5pm: In Step Camp (with In Step Band, Crew, Costumes) \*\*\*DO NOT sign up for the ACT on this day\*\*\*

December 14<sup>th</sup>: No Rehearsal (Holiday 4 Concert)

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Camp 5-8:30pm (with In Step Band, Crew, Costumes)

December 19<sup>th</sup>: Get in the Spirit 5:30pm & 8pm, Photos earlier- time TBA

December 23<sup>rd</sup>-Jan 1<sup>st</sup>: No rehearsal (Winter Break)

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 9am-5pm: In Step Camp (with In Step Band & Crew)

January 9<sup>th</sup>: Ankeny Centennial Mid-Iowa Show Choir Championships, Ankeny, IA, Time TBA

January 16<sup>th</sup>: Linn-Mar Supernova & Exhibition Performance

January 30<sup>th</sup>: Prairie Premiere, Cedar Rapids, IA, Time TBA

February 12<sup>th</sup>: Travel to Naperville, Illinois, & hotel stay overnight, Depart time TBA (after school)

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Naperville North Competition, Naperville, IL, Time TBA

February 15<sup>th</sup>: Final Monday night regular rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm, set up at 5pm

February 17<sup>th</sup>: Final Wednesday morning rehearsal 7:50-8:35am

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Final Friday morning rehearsal 7:15-8am

February 20<sup>th</sup>: Indianola Show Choir Encounter Competition, Indianola, IA, Time TBA

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: 6:00pm Final Show Choir Rehearsal (with Hi-Style & 10<sup>th</sup> Street)

March 26<sup>th</sup>: Final Show (time TBA)

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Final Shows (time TBA)

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**Please initial below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I /We have read, understand, and have put all dates in my personal calendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We have communicated in writing with Ms. Ohnemus about any known conflicts with the calendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We understand that any unexcused absences may result in not being able to perform at certain performances or dismissal from the team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We understand we are responsible for the payments as described and/or we will communicate with Mrs. Buelt about payments if assistance is needed.

We have read and discussed what is involved in accepting a position for In Step for the 2020 – 2021 season as laid out in the commitment information. We understand this commitment. \_\_\_\_\_ (printed student name) will be accepting this spot in In Step with all of the expectations of this commitment. **Signed contract is due to Ms. Ohnemus by August 7, 2020.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date

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Date