

## **DMS Choir**

**Autumn 2010**

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The DMS Choir Autumn Season looks to be one of the best ever. Our plans include:

- A performance with Hawkstone recording artist Jack Gladstone
- A performance at the annual DMS Veterans Day Celebration
- A field trip to sing at local nursing homes
- A Skate Night or Bowling Night or Movie Night
- A Pizza Party with Jack Gladstone

### **Choir Rules**

- Be on time.
- Do your schoolwork.
- Bring your music.
- Keep up with your belongings, including your music.
- Be where you belong.
- Follow the directions of the Director.
- Faithfully attend rehearsals and performances.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Do your best.
- Try to learn/do something new.

### **To Join the DMS Choir**

DMS Choir Registration will begin on the first day of school and continue for two weeks.

- Sign-up forms for sixth graders will be available in the Sullivan Campus Main Office.
- Seventh and Eighth Graders may sign up by seeing Mr. Elston for the appropriate paperwork.

Rehearsals begin Monday, August 16.

### **Parent/Guardian Meetings**

Parents/guardians of prospective DMS Choir members must attend **ONE** of the following meetings (your choice):

Monday, August 16

Tuesday, August 17

Thursday, August 19

Parent/guardian meetings are in Mr. Elston's room at the Main Campus at 7 PM.

Parents/guardians who cannot make it to any of the meetings must schedule a conference with Mr. Elston to take place no later than Friday, August 20.

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

Students will be assigned to a rehearsal day. Rehearsals will take place Monday through Thursday from 3:15 until 4:30 in Mr. Elston's classroom at the Main Campus. Singers will not be required to attend each day, only on the day(s) to which they are assigned. Parent/guardian input concerning which day(s) work best for them is encouraged.

### **Performance Schedule**

November 8 – 10 (Monday thru Wednesday): Rehearsals with Jack Gladstone, 3:15 – 5:30, DMS Auditorium

November 10: Field trip during the school day to area nursing homes with Jack Gladstone (\$2 for bus plus lunch money for McDonalds, students may pack a lunch).

November 10 (Wednesday): Pizza Party with Jack Gladstone. Family and friends invited. 5:30, DMS Cafeteria. Cost to be determined.

November 11 (Thursday Afternoon): Performance with Jack Gladstone at the DMS Veterans Day Celebration, 12:30 PM, DMS Melton Self Gymnasium

November 11 (Thursday Evening): Performance with Jack Gladstone at The Renaissance Center. 6 PM call for DMS Choir, concert begins at 7 PM. Tickets are \$4 Adults, \$2 Students/Seniors, Preschool and under are free. Donations accepted at the concert.

Monday, November 14: Skate Night. Open to all DMS Choir members who regularly attended rehearsals and performed in the concert. Families welcome, chaperones needed.

### **Guest Artist Jack Gladstone**

Jack Gladstone is returning to DMS, following up his amazing residency with the DMS Choir in 2008.

Jack is a star in his home state of Montana, proclaimed by Governor Brian Schweitzer as, "Montana's Troubadour." During his 20-year career, he has recorded 9 critically acclaimed CDs, led the "Native America Speaks" Music and Lecture Series at Glacier National Park for 15 years, and performed nationwide in venues from coffeehouses to classrooms to festivals, State Fairs, and the Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting of 2008. His release, Buffalo Republic, was honored with an entry-level nomination for the 2001 Grammy Awards and was nominated for Folk Recording and Historical Album of the Year by the Native American Music Awards.

A member of the Blackfeet Tribe, Jack attended the University of Washington on a football scholarship, earning both a degree in Communications and a Rose Bowl ring in 1978.

We are excited to have Jack coming back to share his songs, stories, and knowledge of Native America.



**Jack Gladstone**