**All-State Auditions 2020**

**June/July:** Regularly work on 2 Patriotic songs. Learned thoroughly by end of July. I will post recordings of the pieces on the weebly soon but you are more than capable of finding youtube recordings, there are probably part recordings on youtube, also, though I encourage you to use your solfege and piano skills to learn notes and rhythms.

I will be around during some weeks in July but I am not positive exactly when at this point. I will send texts weekly if I am available for lessons and we can set them up then.

**July 30-31 (tentative):** Meet me at the High School to pick up music packet and All-State Camp final info and have a lesson. I will send more information later.

**VERY IMPORTANT ALL STATE CAMP INFORMATION!**

We have cancelled our Storm Lake camp which we previously attended. Those of you who’ve done All State before know how camp is vital to the learning process. SO… I am hoping we can all attend the **VIRTUAL ISU ALL STATE CAMP**. I actually think this is going to be FANTASTIC. You will be able to access all of the rehearsals as much as you want. It will be SUCH a valuable resource for you while you’re learning this music. You can read all about it at this website: <https://www.music.iastate.edu/virtual-iowa-all-state-choir-camp>

Basically you will get access to a bunch of videos and can watch them at your own pace, though I recommend you do your own camp as soon as you get the music and have access to the videos. We will do more regular lessons together at that point.

The cost for the camp is $50 (less than Storm Lake!) and you will have a GREAT experience with the “camp”. If the money is a problem, talk to me – we have funds set aside for you and are happy to use it to help you have this experience.

**IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS (WHICH I STRONGLY HOPE YOU ARE) YOU NEED TO NOTIFY ME BY JUNE 29. I need your email address and intended voice part.** I will register for us once I know, you do not need to do that. We will take care of the payment part later.

**After Camp:** Your music is like an assignment. You MUST practice every day. 15 minutes is a good starting place. You will receive practice recordings, will have weekly lessons with Ms. Morton, and once audition groups are set will have weekly rehearsals with your ensemble (though the most successful ensembles will rehearse together more than once a week).

**August before school:** Plan to have at least one lesson in this time (the more the merrier as long as you contact me ahead of time.)

**August 21:** First day of school!

**September 12:** Pre-All-State Workshop TBA

**October 24:** All-State Auditions, all day, location TBA

**November 20-21:** All-State Festival, Ames

Obviously a lot of this is up in the air, I will always let you know what I know, you can always ask whatever you need to ask. We will make everything as normal as possible while also keeping everyone safe and ensuring you have a great year working with All-State. It really can be so much fun learning this music and I look forward to forging this new world of singing with you!

– Ms Morton

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