

# **Internal Combustion Handbook**



**2007-2008**

“We’re all in this together”

Students and Parents,

## **Congratulations and Welcome!**

It is both an honor and a privilege to welcome you to Internal Combustion 2007-2008. During this year in IC you will grow as musicians, singers, and performers, all while preparing for high school level show choirs. Oh yeah... you're gonna have a tons of fun too! Please take the time to read this packet in its entirety. It contains all the information you need to know about Internal Combustion!

You have already shown me your talent and commitment level by coming prepared to your audition and from what I have seen from WATTS last year. Please only improve upon your already stellar commitment and dedication this year by continually coming to rehearsal on time, prepared, and ready to work. Internal Combustion has the reputation of excellence among the show choir community and we want to uphold the values this group stands for!

If there are ever any questions or concerns you have, please contact me at school. I am always willing to talk with our wonderful Ankeny parents!

I look forward to a fun and successful year with you! Remember we will only be the best we can be if... "We're all in this Together!"

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# Rehearsal Expectations

\*\*\*Rehearsals are: ALL B DAY mornings from 7:00am – 8:00am\*\*\*

- You should already have your rehearsal binder. If you do not, please purchase a ½” to 1” binder for your show choir music by our first rehearsal on Tuesday. This binder and a pencil are required at ALL rehearsals! **Do not leave them in lockers or forget them at home!**
- I expect you to be at rehearsal on time, in your chair, and ready to go! Rehearsal begins at 7:00am!!!
- When choreography rehearsals begin, please wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement. No baggy clothes. You will get sweaty!!!! ☺
  - Guys: Shorts and T-shirts are great! Gym shoes or jazz shoes work!
  - Gals: Dance pants, shorts, T-shirts... Dance shoes, jazz shoes, character shoes, gym shoes... **NO BARE FEET!**
- No gum AT ALL during rehearsal!
- Please take music home to rehearse/memorize on your own! There will be memorization goals, and if we all do our part, IC 2007-2008 will move forward at a very quick pace.
- As in regular choral rehearsals, you are expected to give the utmost respect to your director as well as your choreographers. They give their time in order to be with you. Take advantage of this by not talking or distracting others during rehearsal!
- **ONCE WE HAVE OUR SHOW CHOIR SHOES IN, YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO WEAR THEM AT ALL CHOREOGRAPHY REHEARSALS!!!**

# Attendance

1. **Rehearsals** are the time when you will develop new skills and grow together as an ensemble. Every rehearsal is important to the final product. It is imperative to everyone in the choir that you are committed to be present and on time at each rehearsal. We need to sing, dance, and grow as a **team**.

- Rehearsals are every **B Day morning** from **7:00am – 8:00am**. Please see attached list of all B days in the school year!
- There will be required Saturday choreography rehearsals beginning in late September. If you have school related conflict (sports) we will work that out!
- Let the director know **at least a week in advance** if you are going to be late or absent to any rehearsal.
- The **only** excused absences are those in which the student was absent from school (excused) or pre-arranged absences with the director.
- Scheduled appointments or other family events are not necessarily excused even if pre-arranged. Plan ahead to avoid conflicts!
- Family emergencies, deaths, and other extreme situations will constitute excused absences. However, shopping trips, family vacations, and doctor/dentist/ortho appointments are NOT examples of excused absences since they can be scheduled on A Days.
- School policy states that you must be in school all day in order to participate in a practice or performance. You may not come to rehearsal and then leave for the school day.

2. **Missed Rehearsals:**

- First unexcused absence = Warning
- Second unexcused absence = Miss one performance  
(Competition or home show)
- Third unexcused absence = Dismissal from Internal Combustion

3. **Performances** involve the entire choir. An absence from a performance will negatively impact everyone in the ensemble. The choreography is taught with the intention that everyone in the ensemble is present at all performances. An absence will change visual pictures, partner numbers, and will skew formations! Please look at the calendar in advance! No last-minute absences will be tolerated.

- The only excused absences from performances are illness, family death, family emergency, or those that have been prearranged in writing with a parent's signature at least **three weeks** in advance!!!
- If there are conflicts with school related programs such as band or sports, the directors/coaches will work through the conflicts!
- First unexcused absence = one missed performance
- Second unexcused absence = dismissal from Internal Combustion
- \*\*\*\*In order to perform at competitions and home concerts you **MUST** be in good academic standing with Northview Middle School. If you are ineligible to participate in any performance you will be hurting yourself as well as the entire ensemble!

4. **Injured students** are still an important part of IC and are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances.

- If you cannot sing, dance and listen!
- If you cannot dance, sing and watch!

## Costume Information

\*\*\*Payment is due by Friday, August 31\*\*\*

**Girls: \$114.00**

- Fee includes dress rental fee, shoes that you keep, and cheaters that you keep
- You need to purchase "Legs sheer energy nude color panty hose" Yes, THIS BRAND!!!
- For performances: No jewelry of any kind (earrings, watches, bracelets, piercings, rings... etc)
- Also, no ribbons, bows, or anything else can be added to your hair
- For performances: Hair should be in a half ponytail with a poof on the top. The rest should be curled. We will show you how to do this ☺
- Girls must provide their own make up for performances: base, eye liner, lip stick, blush, eye shadow, and mascara

**Guys: \$107.00**

- Fee includes shirt/pants rental fee and shoes that you keep
- Guys must provide their own black socks and white undershirt
- For performances: No jewelry of any kind (earrings, watches, bracelets, piercings, rings... etc)
- For performances: Hair must be out of the way of your face! We must be able to see your eyes!