HONORS CHORUS

Summary:
Honors Chorus is an afterschool auditioned group for students in performance-based music classes (chorus, band and orchestra) who would like to further develop their vocal skills, sing and perform more challenging repertoire and work with other students who love singing and performing beyond just the regular class. This group of singers performs at school concerts as well as field trips during the school day. We have performed for the elementary schools before winter break and have participated in the Baltimore County Choral Festival in the Spring. It is a great opportunity for students to get feedback from judges and get to hear groups from other schools perform.

Key Topics: Vocal health/techniques, musical theory, sight-singing and rhythm reading, cultural and historical backgrounds of pieces including foreign languages, ensemble techniques, responding to conductor's cues, listening to and evaluating other groups' performances as well as our own.

Expectations: Honors Chorus meets every Thursday from 2:00 -3:30pm. This group is a year-long commitment and students are expected to be at all rehearsals and participate in all performances. Students in this group are expected to be exemplary examples of responsible behavior, good work ethic and teamwork. Students work hard but we always have fun and have a lot to show for our hard work!

About the Instructor:
Mrs. Livingston has been teaching music in Baltimore County for 20 years. She holds a **B.S. in Music Education** from West Chester University and a **M.S. in Music Education** from Towson University. She started her teaching career at Ridgely Middle School as a choral long-term sub and then went to teach vocal music at Sparks Elementary for 3 years before coming to Hereford Middle. At Hereford Middle, Mrs. Livingston has directed the 6th, 7th and 8th grade choruses as well as taught 6th and 7th grade world music and 8th grade American music.