

Pleasant Valley OPUS Workshop Information

Fall 2017

Greetings! We are once again excited to offer a summer workshop for all students interested in auditioning for any of the OPUS Honor Choirs.

The workshop is absolutely NO COST to you or your parents and will be led by your very own Pleasant Valley teachers; Mr. Baxter, Ms. Casey, Mrs. Cibula, Mr. Connell, Mr. Grau, Mrs. Lyon, and Mrs. Thompson. All you have to do is **fill out the registration form:** <https://goo.gl/forms/bUkkgzJZsbDWciOU2> (also found at www.pvchoirs.com) or email Mrs. Thompson at thompsonmargaret@pleasval.k12.ia.us and tell her that you (or your child) are interested and you plan to attend the workshop on **Saturday, August 26th**. We know that you probably have a few questions about this process. Please read below for more information, and if you have further questions contact Mrs. Thompson for more details.

The workshop will be held at Pleasant Valley Junior High: 3501 Wisconsin St. in LeClaire.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Iowa OPUS Honor Choir Festival?

The Iowa OPUS Honor Choir Festival is a long standing Iowa tradition that consists of four separate honor choirs; a 5th-6th Grade mixed choir, a 7th-8th Grade treble voice ensemble, a 7th-8th Grade bass voice ensemble, and a 9th Grade SATB mixed ensemble. Traditionally, Pleasant Valley is well represented at this festival.

Who is eligible to participate?

Any incoming 5th - 9th grade student who will be singing in a PV school during the 2017-2018 school year.

What is the audition process like?

Auditions for these groups consist of submitting a recording of the student singing a scale, a section of "America," and one selection from the festival music. The entire audition must be prepared ***without accompaniment***. Once the recording is finished, the director submits the recording to the OPUS adjudication panel for consideration.

Why should a student attend this OPUS preparation camp?

OPUS audition recordings are due early in the year. We believe that by taking advantage of this camp students can get the music in their hands faster and be better prepared when it comes time to make the recordings.

What time are these workshops and how long do they last?

The workshop times are listed below. Parents are welcome to attend the workshop with their child or they may leave the workshop and pick their child up after it is complete.

Workshop Times:

5th and 6th Grade: 8:00 am – 8:50 am

7th and 8th Grade: 9:00 am – 9:50 am

9th Grade: 10:00 am – 10:50 am