Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday was such a moving experience to see all your students enjoy what music has to offer. What a great start!

A few reminders....

\*Please, please, please - keep snacks and lunches **nut free**.

\*You might want to send your child with some**money**, because there will be nut free snacks and merchandise for sale.

\*Like we anticipated, the evening show (7:00pm) is already **sold out.** There are still tickets available for the 3:30pm show. If you are interested, tickets will go on sale at 6:00pm this evening. The Young Americans are solely in charge of the ticket sales and since they also teach all the workshops, they cannot sell prior to 6:00pm. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

\***Parking is limited**. Please try to carpool as much as possible. Overflow parking is available at the current middle school. Please allow extra time to facilitate the parking while the school is under construction - shows *must* start on time.

\*We are filming the workshops AND the performances. If you'd like a **DVD**, please send in a form (found on the web site masquers.weebly.com) with a check for $25 made out to NRHS Masquers. You may turn them into the Music Booster table when you pick up your student or turn them into your music teacher. The deadline is Wednesday, October 22.

\*Due to copyright laws, there is no photography or video recordings of ACT ONE. Act One is the Young American’s professional set. If you would like to film or photograph ACT TWO when your child performs, please feel free providing there is no bright light or flash.

\*Please keep your music teacher up-to-date with any medical issues or conditions so that we can make it the best experience possible for your student.

\*Students will go to school on Tuesday 10/21 for a half day. Students will be dismissed after lunch and travel to the high school with their music teacher for their dress rehearsal. Tuesday is also the only day students eat dinner at school (provided).

\*Students must wear blue jeans and sneakers to school on Tues 10/21.They will be given a t-shirt (to wear in the shows) that same day when they arrive at the HS.

\*There are **282 students**from the North Reading participating, and classroom teachers are very supportive of this opportunity and aware of the busy schedule! Just keep in mind it is the students’ responsibility to check in with their classroom teachers and collect all missed work.

\*Make sure students get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast tomorrow! It will be the longest, but the most fulfilling day of the Young American experience and we want your student to hit the ground running!

\*The performing arts staff will be on site with your student the entire time.

\*Thank you for everyone who has volunteered to help with dinner and host Young Americans. We had an overwhelming response. At this time, we have those two needs covered and have contacted those families.

**Many thanks!**

Your North Reading Performing Arts Staff,

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