



A Gentle Reminder



Perkins School music teacher Maria Walton is reminding parents and others who attend the Grades 3-12 Choral Concert tomorrow night, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Newark High School, that in addition to enjoying some great music at the concert, they can also donate to the Newark Food Closet before it begins.

“Those who are able can bring one or more non-perishable food item with them that will be given to the Food Closet,” Walton said this morning. She will be at a table collecting non-perishable food items in the NHS foyer beginning at 6 p.m..

With the approval of the other music teachers including Cindy Briggs, Kelley School instrumental music teacher and K-12 Music Department Leader, Walton began collecting items for the Food Closet in November at the concert salute to veterans at Newark High School.

She reasoned there are over 700 kids in the Newark Central School district involved in music and if their families, friends and relatives that attend their concerts bring a food item to donate with them, it would really help the Newark Food Closet that currently serves over 1,200 families from Newark, Port Gibson and East Palmyra.

“The Food Closet always gets a lot of donations during the holiday season, but then it drops off drastically in winter and spring,” she said “So we are hoping that people will bring food items to all of our concerts.”

Walton’s ultimate hope is that people will associate going to a concert with making a donation to the Food Closet.

Music teachers have been sending home information to parents about donating to the Food Closet along with concert information letters since November.

“We also want as many people in the area as possible to know about this since not all who attend the concerts have a son or daughter in school and may not know of our mission,” Walton said.

Try Not To Forget

Walton will be collecting food at these upcoming concerts during the remainder of this school year:

- Grades 3-12 Choral Concert, 7 p.m. March 20th, High School Auditorium
- Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. April 23rd, High School Auditorium
- Kelley School Concert featuring Beginning Band/Continuing, 4th Grade and 5th Grade Choruses, 7 p.m. May 31st in the Kelley School Auditorium
- High School Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. June 4th, High School Auditorium
- 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert, 7 p.m., June 5th Middle School Auditorium
- High School Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m. June 6th, High School Auditorium
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. June 7th, Middle School Auditorium

Please Mark Your Calendars!