

October 17, 2023

Dear Treble Honor Choir,

It's October! Can you believe we will be together again in only a week?! I have thought of you so often this fall, remembering the excellent work you did on the music at camp. I can't believe how far we came in such a short time. "Luna" is still my favorite piece of all time – and I hope you told your choir directors all about it this fall!

Now we must focus. If you have more work to do on memorization, please find some time to do it this week. The more secure you are on the music, the more confident you will be to watch me and follow the gesture. This will make us a solid ensemble and help us express the music together. I've attached the notes that were sent by your coaches for you to review. We need all of these spots to be solid before we arrive. When we come together next week, I hope to hit the ground running with polishing, adding movement to pieces that need it and addressing stage presence. I'm also attaching the schedule for your reference.

Being in an Honor Choir like this is such a unique and special experience that not everyone gets to have. It's your talent and hard work that got you here, along with the support and dedication of your parents and teachers. Please find a moment to thank them for helping you achieve this amazing goal. And be proud of yourself. You are beautiful humans who share that beauty with others every day through your music, and by just being you.

Well, I can't wait to see you next week! I believe you will inspire and uplift your audience with your beautiful sound in an elegant and exciting performance.

GLove, (that's what my choir says, a shortened version of "Glee Love")

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