



January 23, 2024

Dear parents of the Athena Treble Ensemble and Apollo Contra Ensemble,

Apollo and Athena have been invited by American composer/conductor Tom Trenney to 'open' for the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choirs' performance on the evening of **Thursday, May 9** at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church in **Franklin** as a part of NWU's tour of the Southeastern United States. While this is a huge honor, we don't want to add anything to Athena/Apollo's calendar without first making sure we have enough students to represent Stewarts Creek well. **We're asking every parent of an Apollo/Athena student to complete the attached form stating your family's availability.**

While we won't have the final logistics nailed down until later, here are the salient points:

- We'll take an SCHS Bus and Van from SCHS to St. Andrew in Franklin after school;
- The performance will be that evening (likely 7pm). After the concert (around 9pm), students can ride home with parents or ride the bus/van back and be picked up at SCHS.
- This concert is free.

We think this will be a very special way to end our year together. Firstly, students and parents will be able to hear a fine college choir in a lovely performance space. Secondly, this will be an especially memorable experience for students in Athena as Tom Trenney will conduct them on "Thither Will I Go," a piece he wrote for Athena this year!

Please complete the attached form and return by Friday, January 26.

- Drs. Kellussell



Stewarts Creek High School
Fine Arts Academy
Division of Vocal Music

Athena/Apollo Calendar Addition – Due Friday, January 26, 2024

My student, _____,

(check one below)

- ☐ **Is available** on the evening of May 9, 2024 to attend a performance with the Stewarts Creek Choirs. By signing below, we acknowledge that no other conflicts currently exist on this date, and that we will not schedule any other events on this date. My student has my permission to attend this after-school field trip.
- ☐ **Is NOT available** on the evening of May 9, 2024.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date