

THE ALL NEW
HERSCHER HIGH SCHOOL

Swing & Sing



A SHOW CHOIR & JAZZ BAND COMPETITION

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Welcome

Herscher High School is excited to extend you and official invitation to our annual Show Choir & Jazz Band Competition. Each year the Midwest's top Show Choirs & Jazz Bands come together to compete for the coveted title of Grand Champion. We've made some exciting changes this year and can't wait to tell you more about them.

The Show Choir Competition

Our Show Choir competition is open to Jr. High & High School Mixed Show Choirs along with all Unisex groups. All groups are placed within a respective class via their school enrollment. All groups, regardless of class are eligible for the finals competition. The show choir competition features:

Solo Competition

We invite up to five soloists from each participating group to join us in the Soloist Competition. All soloists compete in an open class against each other. The Grand Champion Solo competitor will perform during the finals competition.

Finals Competition

We will invite the top four groups to compete in an evening finals competition. All groups, regardless of class are eligible for the finals competition. Entrance to the finals competition is based on a cumulative point total from preliminary performances.

Photo & Video by Rutherford Videography

Herscher is proud to welcome the top Show Choir Videographers in the industry to our show choir competition. DVD's of your groups performance are available same day and all Directors will receive a complimentary copy of their groups performance.

A New Expanded Stage

We've learned a lot from hosting this competition year after year. This year we are excited to introduce a new expanded stage. Now your groups have a large 40' x 5' enclosed staging & chancing area on stage. The stage also feature new staging wings on the sides so you've got plenty of room to get on and off stage. Our stage is bigger, safer and a whole lot roomier.

Custom Stage Environment

Each performing show choir will have full control over their show environment, a first for Midwestern Show Choir Competitions. A Custom Show Environment will allow each group to change the color and feeling of their stage environment for every number. This will allow each performance to be as unique as their musical selections.

Prior to attending the competition Directors of the participating groups will be able to assign an environment to each selection they will be performing via their online registration. For each selection groups can change the impressive 40' x 25' white stage backdrop to the color of their liking. In addition to changing the color of the background they can also apply a texture to the stage background if they so desire. As the background changes color with the show selections, different accents on the stage will also change with corresponding color. For the first time ever, show choirs can compete in a stage environment as beautiful and detailed as the shows they have designed.





The Jazz Band Competition

What makes Herscher High School's Swing & Sing so unique is that we also invite your Jazz Bands to compete in the Jazz Band competition. All Jr. High and High School Jazz Bands are welcome to compete. All groups are placed within a respective class via their school enrollment.

New Performance Environment

The Jazz Band Competition will feature a new Performance Environment. The new stage will feature an impressive stage curtain to enhance the acoustic environment of the Performance Center. Enhanced sound and lighting will also compliment your groups performance. Each group may configure the stage however they would like for their performance.

Top Notch Judges

The Jazz Band competition will feature outstanding educators from Illinois and the surrounding states as your judges. Herscher High School is committed to bringing you a diverse, well versed judging panel. Each performing group will also go home with a CD recording of the judges comments and your performance.

Educational Clinic

Each performing Jazz Band will receive a complimentary educational clinic session after their performance. Clinic sessions allow you to receive more than just a score at Swing & Sing.

Competition Schedule

Please note the following tentative schedule for the Show Choir & Jazz Band competitions.

The Show Choir Competition

Herscher High School Gymnasium

8:00am	Preliminary Competition Begins
12:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00pm	Preliminary Competition Continues
5:30pm	Preliminary & Solo Results - Finalist Announcement
6:30pm	Dinner Break
7:30pm	Finals Competition Begins
10:00pm	Finals Awards

The Jazz Band Competition

Herscher High School Gymnasium

9:00am	Jazz Band Competition Begins
12:00pm	Lunch Break
5:00pm	Jazz Band Awards





Entrance Registration

Register all of your Show Choir & Jazz Band groups online at www.swingandsing.com. There is no need to mail or fax us any paper forms. After completing your online registration, please send only your Entrance Fee Payment to:

Herscher High School Swing & Sing
Herscher High School
501 N. Main St.
Herscher, Illinois 60941

Fees Per Entry: Show Choir \$300.00 Soloist \$25.00 Jazz Band \$150.00

For Show Choirs, registration is a simple 3-step process, however, you can complete the entire registration form at once (recommended).

- 1 Entrance Registration
Solo Competition Reservations
- 2 Custom Show Environment
Show Information
- 3 Group Photo & Biography



Area Accommodations

Should you wish to spend the night in the area we have provided special group rates at the following hotels near the competition:

Hilton Garden Inn - Kankakee

455 Riverstone Pkwy
Kankakee, IL, 60901
866-539-0036

Fairfield Inn by Marriott Kankakee Bourbonnais

1550 N State Route 50
Bourbonnais, IL, 60914
866-539-0036

Country Inn & Suites

380 S Cypress St
Manteno, IL, 60950
866-539-0036

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bourbonnais

62 Ken Hayes Dr
Bourbonnais, IL, 60914
866-539-0036

