

# Houses Prep for Inter-House Choir Competition

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**Bole House preps for Inter-House Choir (Photo Credit: Aereon Robinson)**

The Inter-House Choir Competition, introduced three years ago, is now a highly anticipated event where each house comes together to sing a song in a competition against the other 3 houses. Each house is judged based on four categories: the house's memorization of the lyrics, articulation of the lyrics, how in tune they are, and their rhythmic precision.

Principia's Choir Director and Performance Arts Department Chair, Justin Moore, has selected the judges for this year's competition: Christopher Boemler, Bonnie Burke, and Anna Brummel. All judges are music professionals who are unassociated with Principia to ensure decisions are made professionally and without bias. This event is open to the entire Principia Community, including parents, family, and others.

The Inter-House Choir Competition, was introduced by Upper School Principal, Mrs. Dry, as a way to create competition "off the field," Principal Dry said. "We didn't have any-

thing competitive that was artistic in nature," she said, expressing the need for friendly competition that wasn't athletic. Principal Dry also stated that "The Inter-House Choir Competition puts most children out of their comfort zone, it gives them the experience of participating in something that's not comfortable," voicing the importance of uncomfortable situations and how they build character in students. The overall message behind the Inter-House Choir Competition is to expose students to new experiences, build confidence, and unite our community.

How do students feel about Inter-House Choir?

Upper School students' perspectives on the Inter-House Choir differ depending on their grade and house. A lot of students feel Inter-House is a great initiative to bring houses together and create friendly competition. Bole Senior Q Coleman stated, "I feel it's a good way to connect with your house."

Perrin junior Demi Brown stated,

"My biggest takeaway is just going like pushing through stuff that you don't want to do."

Numerous students also voiced their opinions regarding the House Captain's performance and leadership during rehearsals and preparations. Aniyah Poniewas a Hubbell III freshman said, "If I were the house captain, I would have us locked in. Our house captains are too soft."

However, Rohan Suthar, a Flint sophomore, said, "Our house captains are good leaders; they definitely have good organization." The contrast in answers to the same question highlights different leadership styles depending on the house. Some students felt that their house organization was spot on, and others felt the opposite. After observing each house's rehearsal techniques, there is a big difference in how each house is preparing for the Inter-House Choir Competition.