



Dear DeSoto's Got Talent semi-finalist,

Congratulations on your performance excellence! You have been selected to advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 2018 DeSoto's Got Talent Competition. Rounds 2 and 3 will be held at the Hernando Performing Arts Center (on the high school campus), **January 15<sup>th</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup>**. \$5 admission for audience - no charge to you. This competition will showcase the most talented students from Desoto County!!!

In preparation for the competition, you will need to email your karaoke track for Round 2 in mp3 or mp4 format to **cororio@gmail.com**. Be prepared to sing the first 2 minutes of your chosen song. **I must receive the emailed karaoke track by SUNDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not send a file in any format other than mp3/mp4. If your file is in a different format, RealPlayer has a converter that is free and very easy to use. If you can download a song from YouTube to your computer, you can even drag that file into RealPlayer and make it into an mp3. See our website for links that will help you ([www.cororio.org](http://www.cororio.org)). It is also a good idea to make a backup track on your ipod or mp3 player and bring it with you just in case; - *no* songs will be sung a cappella.

**Elementary Division Sound checks (Grades 3-5) will begin at 4:30 pm.** You will be able to leave when you are finished and return at call time.

**Junior Division Sound checks (Grades 6-8) will begin at 4:50pm.** You will be able to leave when you are finished and return at call time.

**Senior Division Sound checks (Grades 9-12) will begin at 5:30 pm.** You will be able to leave when you are finished and return at call time.

*ALL acts must come to sound check. If you miss your designated sound check time, you will not receive one. Order of the performance will be chosen randomly and given to you upon arrival.*

Final call time for all performers will be at 6:10 pm. You will need to be back in the auditorium, on the front row where roll will be taken at 6:10.

Doors will not open to the audience until 6:10 – performers and assigned workers only will be allowed in the auditorium until then. Performances begin at 6:30 PM.

The winners for Round 2 will be chosen BY AUDIENCE VOTE! Only properly completed ballots will be counted. The top contestants in each division will be announced and will advance to the final round (January 29th). From there, the top 3 contestants in each division will be chosen by the audience. Cash prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each division.

**Get as many people to come watch you as you can. Have them bring signs and persuade the audience to vote for YOU. Do it big!**