
6-7-8th Choir

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Overview

Welcome to choir! This is an elective class. Students will be learning about music and will improve their performance abilities. Our primary focus will be to improve individual singing skills as well as group performance. We will work on music theory and appreciation. Music theory will include skills such as note reading, rhythm reading and music dictation. We will have fun performing and learning about music!

Power Standards

- **I will learn to sing correct pitches.**
- **I will learn to sing correct rhythms.**
- **I will learn to understand and demonstrate good tone.**
- **I will learn to demonstrate and describe proper singing technique.**
- **I will be a contributing member of the choir, showing my best effort and a positive attitude.**

Employability Skills

As in every class that you attend at the middle school this year you will be rated on an employability scale. This performance will be documented on your report card graded in each of these areas as a 1,2,3 or 4. *Behaviors are separated into special learning categories for clarity. Based upon quality assessment information:*

1. I complete all of my work
2. I am prepared to learn
3. I participates in learning
4. I follow classroom/school expectations

Materials Requested

1. Music and folder-these will be kept in the classroom.
2. Pencils
3. Agenda – Provided by the school. **This needs to be in class every day!**
4. Choir Robes-Provided by the school.

Performances:

Holiday Concert, Tuesday, Dec. 6 (Semester 1)

CPAC

7pm Concert, 6pm Call Time

Festival Concert, Thursday, Feb. 16 (Semester 2)

CPAC, with the High School Choirs

7pm Concert, 6pm Call Time

Spring Concert, Tuesday, May 15 (Semester 2)

CPAC

7pm Concert, 6pm Call Time

Communications

- *Parents and students can check grades via the Family Access site.*
- *Parents may also e-mail or call teachers at any time they need to.*

Policy on Performance Absences

Performances occur after an extensive rehearsal period of many weeks. They give the students a chance to showcase all of the skills they have learned during that rehearsal period. Performances also give the teacher a chance to assess all of the skills the students have learned. It is vital for a student to attend a performance, but illness and family emergencies do occur.

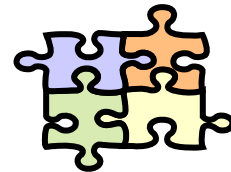
An excused absence from a performance will be awarded in the case of illness or a family emergency. If you become ill or have an emergency that causes you to miss a performance, please call Miss DeLille and leave a message on her voicemail. State your name and the reason you will miss the performance. If possible, call BEFORE the performance.

In an effort to ensure that all students meet the expectations of the class, there will be a short make-up assignment for students who have missed the performance due to an EXCUSED absence. Completing a make-up assignment is not a punishment, rather, it is a way for a student to make-up for lost points.

There will be no opportunity to make-up lost points due to an unexcused absence.

If a student has to miss a performance for any reason other than illness or a family emergency, please contact Miss DeLille prior to the performance. We will find a solution so that the student can receive credit for the performance and the rest of the choir can be successful in the performance. Please do not wait until the last minute to make arrangements for performance conflicts!

We are counting on you! We need all the pieces of our puzzle.



Additional Singing Opportunities

*These are not course requirements, but opportunities to enrich your choir experience.

Private Voice Lessons

Miss DeLille is currently offering private voice students. Lessons are held after school once a week for one half hour. Private lessons are \$15 per lesson. Lessons with Miss DeLille are on a first come first served basis. Call or e-mail her to set-up a time.

If lesson times fill up, Miss DeLille will help you find another fantastic private voice teacher!

Solo and Ensemble Festival

Under the guidance of Miss DeLille, students will prepare vocal selections on their own or with the help of private instructors. Solos are performed for a judge and will receive comments and a rating. More information will be provided for interested students.

Honors Choir

Students will have the opportunity to audition for MSVMA's Honors Choir. The opportunity to sing with excellent musicians from all over the region is very rewarding. More information will be provided for interested students.

Guidelines Agreement

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO MISS DELILLE BY:

Friday, September 9

We have read and understand the Charlotte Middle School Choir Syllabus.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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