

Welcome to Chorus! I am excited to begin a new year with all of you. We have many events planned and you will have opportunities to sing and perform throughout the school year. Please take every opportunity to get involved and make this a year to remember!

In addition to our regular class schedule, please consider---

Auditioning for the Musical

Auditioning for Men's and Women's choir

Auditioning for District Chorus

Preparing a solo for NYSSMA or All State

Expectations:

You are expected to attend all rehearsals, lessons, and performances. Be on time and be prepared. When you enter the room, please get your folder and move quickly to your assigned seat. Chewing gum is not permitted during rehearsal.

You are expected to participate at all times. You will be expected to sing with the group, with small ensembles, and solo.

You must keep your folder and music in good repair. Please do not scribble on your music or rip it. Please return your folder to the assigned slot at the conclusion of the rehearsal.

Please show respect for our classroom, the teacher, and all the students in our class. We must work together and support each other to create the best possible musical experience!

Performances:

You are required to attend all concerts. Consider a performance as a final exam displaying all the work you've studied up to that date. You are expected to be on time and properly dressed.

All unexcused absences will receive no credit. If you are ill, you must present a Dr. note for an excused absence. Work conflicts are not an excused absence. Please arrange work schedules accordingly.

Music Lessons

Students participating in music are expected to attend lessons during the marking period. Schedules will be handed out and will also be displayed in the chorus room. The lessons are scheduled on a rotation, so students will have a lesson a different period each week. Attending lessons is a very important part of your chorus grade. Make every effort to be organized and attend your required lessons.

Concert Dress

All members of the chorus will wear a choir robe, which is provided by the school. Men must wear a white dress shirt underneath, with black pants and black socks and shoes. Women must wear black dress shoes. No flip-flops or sneakers.

Grade

There are four main areas that make up the criteria for every student's evaluation during a marking period.

- Participation and discipline in daily rehearsals
- lessons
- overall musical performance and improvement
- performances

Participation-care of folder and music, putting away folder, effort, following directions, attitude, general participation in class and with small ensembles, overall contribution to class

Lessons-attendance, effort, improvement, solo work

Overall musical-involvement, talent, effort, improvement

Performances-attendance at 2 concerts (winter and spring)