

Chamber Choir Syllabus

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Room 11

Remind @ mhsvoice

Google Classroom buglzb6

Communication ~ I will be using the remind app this year. Download the app and enter 81010 and text @mhsvoice. I will send weekly reminders and concert reminders throughout the year and some pictures of what we are up to in class. It is a great way not only to communicate but to see what we are up to in the choir department. The link is ...www.remind.com/joi/mhsvoice

Prerequisites ~ A Spring Audition is required to be selected for Chamber Choir. An art song will be taught in class, sung in a blind audition acapella. The student needs to receive a 175/200 to be considered for this ensemble.

Description ~ Chamber Choir is an elite group that requires an audition. In order to be a part of the Chamber Choir one must audition on a piece of the director's choice to sing accapella in the spring of the previous year. The Chamber Choir sings high level repertoire that is performed at the District, Regional and State level. This class demands proper singing and performance technique. Here, one will learn singing discipline, enhance their singing ability and focus on proper vocal pedagogy and sight singing. The Chamber Choir performs not only at concerts, but at The Madrigal Dinner, Baccalaureate, and The Courthouse. Other venues often call and would like us to perform, if that is the case we will discuss this as a Chamber Choir and make a decision as a group. This class sings repertoire from all genres of music and studies the begin of vocal history through modern times. All genres of vocal music will be performed.

TEXT Used The 3 ringed binder the student provides will be needed. All music and handouts provided that fit concert themes will be our text.

Teaching Music Literacy ~ Catherine Deloney
Sight reading Success ~ Stan McGill and Morris Stevens
Evoking Sound ~ Choral Warm Up ~ James Jordan
The Choral Warm Up Collection ~ Sally Albrecht
Master Strategies for Choir ~ Michael Jothen
A Medieval Christmas Festival ~ Audrey Snyder
Plus ~ Podcasts and online resources

Grading

- Singing Tests
- Folder
- Concerts
- Leadership
- Multi Media Projects
- Grades are calculated using total points system.

Students are expected to arrive on time to class with a pencil and a folder. They are to be in their seat by the time the bell rings or points will be deducted from their grade. Any horseplay or constant off task incidents and the student's grade will be lowered.

It is extremely important that each student arrives on time to the 5 concerts during the year. If a student misses any of the concerts, they will be required to see Mrs. Christy and upon the student's arrival back to school the student will be expected to sing the entire concert repertoire for Mrs. Christy. She will give a grade based on knowledge of song lyrics, part confidence, tone, posture and projection. They may receive full credit if their

performance is exceptional. Just like a main subject class, if a student misses an assignment or test, it needs to be made up.

Daily Participation/Rehearsals 50%

Performances 30%

Written Work and Assessments 20%

Classroom Rules

- Work Hard #SavetheExcuses
- Follow Directions #KeepCalmand FollowOn
- Be Respectful, Kind and Responsible #Treatothershowyouwanttobetreated
- Raise your Hand #Thinkbeforeyouspeak
- Listen #Tunein
- Come to Class Prepared #Priorities (HAVE YOUR FOLDER EVERY REHEARSAL)
- Have a Positive Attitude #attitudedeterminesdirection
- No Cell Phones in Class #Notexts #nopictures #Nogames
- Trash Goes in the Can #Notyourmaid
- No GUM, DRINKS, or FOOD (Water is allowed ONLY in a Non-disposable water bottle)
- Minimal Bathroom breaks (ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY)
- Bad Language will not be tolerated
- Tests, quizzes, and projects that were not completed in class will need to be completed on a student's own time. Class time is used for instruction and a student will miss new concepts being taught if making up tests, quizzes, etc. Study halls, before school, and after school are times available for make-up work. The instructor should be seen the day the student returns to make arrangements to complete all missed work.
- All other rules can be found in the vocal department guideline packet which is found online on the mercer website under Mrs. Christy/ Choir. Here you will find info on Performance attendance, sport/work conflict info., extra credit opportunities, uniforms, and fundraising.

Materials

A lead pencil. Any other writing utensil than what is listed will result in a deduction in grade on the assignment or a grade of zero will result. Students are responsible for bringing their assigned folder to class. Each time a student is missing his/her folder will be a deduction in the grade and will he/she will also receive a detention.

A uniform will be issued to each student the first month of school. This uniform will be given in completion to each student and expected to be returned at the end of each school year in completion and dry cleaned. The uniform will need to be worn for each performance. If the student does not wear the uniform in completion to each concert, a deduction in their grade will occur. If they lose any part of the uniform or does not turn it in the student will be expected to replace any or all of the uniform missing totaling up to \$100.

Additional Help ~

I am available before school beginning at 7:30AM when seen in advance by the student. I am also available during my prep time. Advisory will be used as additional help time, unless notified by Mrs. Christy. Advisory times may need to be used for extended Chamber Choir Time.

