



Elementary Choir Class Syllabus 2020-2021

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This beginning level, performance-based course provides students with a variety of choral experiences. Music is studied and performed at a beginning level with pieces composed for concert choirs. Sight-reading skills and basic theory are intermixed in the education of various music styles and history. This ensemble performs at festivals, concerts and other school-related events. Extracurricular commitment will be required. Traditional and non-traditional voicing will be employed in the makeup of the group.

Method Books and Supplemental Charts for the Year

All method books and supplemental charts will be provided by the director and checked out to the student to keep in their music folder, bring to class daily, and take home when needed. They need to be returned at the end of the year in good shape – please only write in them with pencil. If they are damaged or lost, the family will have to pay to have them replaced. The same applies to any music handed out to the students at any point in the year.

Method Book: Sing at First Sight: Foundations in Choral Singing, Level 1

Supplemental Charts: None

Supplies: #2 pencil (mechanical or non-mechanical), personal pitch pipe for practice at home

Office Hours

I am available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday after school until 3:30 for any help or private instruction that you might need. Sometimes, however, I may not be available. To ensure that I'm there when you need me, try to talk with me ahead-of-time and let me know when you're coming in.

CLASSROOM & ACADEMIC PROCEDURES

*All related rules and consequences are published on the school website and are to be reviewed and followed. If something isn't addressed here, refer to the **Student Handbook** for all school policies.*

Absences

If you are absent from a rehearsal, you are expected to make up the practice time on your own outside of rehearsal. Too many missed rehearsals may result in your being asked to leave the group. Illness and doctors appointments are the only excused absences for this class. Mr. Lybeck must be notified of a pre-planned absence. Students who miss important rehearsals may be expected to make them up outside of class time in a scheduled sectional.



Attendance

Students are required to attend all choir rehearsals. Choir meets every **Monday** and **Wednesday** from **3:00pm-4:30pm**. Mr. Lybeck will stay with choir students up to five minutes after rehearsal ends and then he will deposit them in daycare.

Dropping Out

As per our school administration, any student who drops out of a performing arts group before their year commitment is fulfilled will have to go through a review and personal meeting with the principal and director before being allowed to sign up again. Please schedule a meeting with the director before pulling your child out of band to see if some solution to any issues can be worked out.

Grading Categories and Weights:

There are no grades given in this course. However, participation is highly scrutinized. If a student is consistently tardy, forgets their music, or doesn't participate in group assignments, they may be asked to leave the group.

Movies in Class

The opportunity may arise where we watch a film having to do with music. This may be a movie, or a documentary, or even a live concert. Should this happen, permission will be requested of the parents for the student to participate in the watching of that particular film. Those not able to participate will have arrangements made for them to go in another classroom for that period.

Using the BAND App for Communication

The best way to get in contact with me is through the BAND app. It is free from the App Store (Android or Apple) and will have all information about upcoming events, assignments, due dates, and other such important information. Mr. Lybeck will send you an invitation to the group page at the beginning of the school year. Every parent with a child in choir is required to register on the BAND app.

Welcome to Choir!!