



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
6TH-8TH EXTRACURRICULAR CHOIR ACTIVITIES
2025-2026

1st Semester Complete, *2nd Semester In Progress*

Dates and times are subject to change as needed

OPUS Honor Choir

START DATE: Thursday, AUGUST 28th

END DATE: Thursday, SEPTEMBER 25th

PRACTICE TIMES

6th GRADE	7/8 TREBLE (Soprano/Alto)	7/8 BASS (Tenor/Bass)
Tuesday PM ● 3:25 to 4:00 PM Thursday PM ● 3:25 to 4:00 PM	Monday PM ● 3:25 to 4:00 PM Wednesday AM ● 7:35 to 8:05 AM	Wednesday PM ● 3:25 to 4:00 PM Thursday AM ● 7:35 to 8:05 AM

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Week 1: Sept 2nd - 5th (Practice #1 Scales and #2 My Country Tis of Thee)

Week 2: Sept 8th - 12th (Practice #3 Song Excerpt)

Week 3: Sept 15th - 19th (Refine skills on #s 1, 2, and 3)

Week 4: Sept 22nd - 25th (RECORD for OPUS Submissions)

SUBMISSION DATE: September 26th, 2025

- Recordings are sent in by Gorman or Voice Teacher. All recordings must be done BEFORE the 26th.

(Judges across the state listen student entries - they do not know who the students are)

IF YOU MAKE IT:

- **MORE SCHEDULED PRACTICES IN OCTOBER to learn music** (student individualized schedule)
- Opus Store Open: Monday, October 13th, 2025
- Opus Store Closed: Monday, November 3rd, 2025
- Registration Payments Due: Monday, November 3rd, 2025
- **Performance (SELECT STUDENTS):** OPUS CONCERT Thursday, November 20th, 2025

IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT - ITS ALL ABOUT THE PROCESS AND HOW IT HELPS YOU GROW AS A SINGER 😊



Christmas Carolers

START DATE: Tuesday, October 28th

END DATE: Monday, December 22nd

Every year Washington Middle School has sent singers out into the community to sing for different organizations, churches, businesses, and community homes. We practice starting at the beginning of Quarter 2, and meet two times a week. On December 11th, 2025 - we will have an entire day run out (including a visit to Lincoln and Stewart) that will include a visit to PIZZA RANCH for lunch! Students will also sing in the intermission between the band and choir concert December 22nd. Visit the calendar below to double check dates. **IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL THERE IS NO PRACTICE. Practices will be rescheduled as necessary.**

ELIGIBILITY: All students in the 6th-8th grade are welcome to join this group. This is the season to celebrate and gather together.

- *Students may not miss more than 4 practices (8/12 minimum practices) to perform.*
- *Students must attend the Wednesday, December 10th rehearsal to join us on the community runout December 11th*
- *If a student is not meeting employability skills scores from Q1 they are ineligible to participate in Community Carolers*
- *If a student acts in a way in rehearsal that reflects poorly on WMS Choir and Washington Middle School, they will not be allowed to join us in our performances.*

WMS CHRISTMAS CAROLERS!	
<u>PRACTICES</u> Monday PM (ALL SINGERS) ● 3:25 to 4:00 PM Wednesday AM (6th Grade) ● 7:35 to 8:10 AM ● (edit on 10/28) Thursday AM - (7th and 8th Grade) ● 7:45 to 8:25 AM ● (edit on 10/28)	<u>PERFORMANCES</u> MAYBE - NOVEMBER 29th - Holiday Parade Thursday, December 12, 2025 - School Day (ALL DAY) - Money needed pizza ranch Monday, December 22nd - PRE-CONCERT Caroling

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Week 1: October 27th-31st

Week 2-3: Nov. 3rd-21st

Week 4: Monday, November 24th

Week 5 & 6: Dec. 1st-11th

If you run a business that wants WMS Carolers to visit you on December 11th, send me (Mr. Gorman) an email or call the WMS office so I can call you back!



SEICDA Honor Choir

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE using teacher provided Practice Tracks and Listening is Necessary
Some Materials and Information will be provided prior to WINTER BREAK for students to start looking at BEFORE returning to school on January 5th, 2026

START DATE: Monday, January 5th

END DATE: FRIDAY, February 13th

PRACTICE TIMES

6th GRADE (Part 1, Part 2)	7/8 TREBLE (Soprano/Alto)	7/8 BASS (Tenor/Bass)
Tuesday PM (P2) • 3:25 to 4:05 PM Thursday PM (P1) • 3:25 to 4:05 PM	Monday PM • 3:25 to 4:00 PM Wednesday AM • 7:35 to 8:05 AM	Wednesday PM • 3:25 to 4:00 PM Thursday AM • 7:45 to 8:20 AM
SNOW DAY OR LATE START Make-up days (WATCH EMAILS WEEK OF)		
FRIDAY AM or FRIDAY PM 7:35 to 8:05 AM 1:20-1:55 PM		

ELIGIBILITY

At events like this, students are REPRESENTATIVES of our community and school district. In order to participate in this honor choir, students must meet academic and behavioral expectations in and outside the classroom. **Mr. Gorman reserves the right to dismiss any student from the process - at any time - if they do not meet our school expectations OR do not have the music ready to practice and perform consistently.**

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

MUSIC PICK UP STARTING DEC. 17th-23rd

Week 1: Jan. 5th-9th

Week 2: Jan. 12th-16th

Week 3: Jan. 20th-23rd (No Monday - Friday AM Practice for SA)

Week 4: Jan. 26th-30th Registration Week (Part Checks - do you know your part to perform?)

Week 5: Feb. 2nd-6th

Week 6: Feb. 9-13th Festival Week (Part Checks - do you know your part to perform?)



Chaperones

I will need 1 parent chaperone to assist with the event - one for 5/6th Grade students and one for 7/8th Grade students. As a parent chaperone, you will help supervise students at the event when they need to use the bathroom, get water, or are on breaks.

- There is a lot of down time as students practice so feel free to
- Please reach out to me if you would like to chaperone this event

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Festival Day Transportation

Transportation will be provided to the event. **Parents will need to pick up their students from the event or students may ride the bus back.**

FESTIVAL/CONCERT DATE: Friday, February 13th

- INFORMATION GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT



DEVOX SHOW CHOIR

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

START DATE: March 25, 2026

END DATE: May 19th, 2026

PRACTICE TIMES:

CHOREO Rehearsal	Singing Rehearsal
Monday or Tuesday (depending on 6-7:30 pm	Wednesday or Thursday Morning 7:45-8:20

ELIGIBILITY

In a group like this, students are REPRESENTATIVES of our community and school district. In order to participate in show choir, students must meet academic and behavioral expectations in and outside the classroom. Mr. Gorman reserves the right to dismiss any student from the process - at any time

*Times for rehearsal are based on sports and other activities. There is no “perfect” day to practice. This schedule maximizes the number of students that can make it to practice each day and week.

*If you are in a sport please speak with your coach about making at least one of our evening practices a priority each week . **You will never miss an entire sports practice because of a choir activity/rehearsal.** Please let me know the approximate time you will be there so I can plan accordingly for our practices.

***ALWAYS send an email if you are going to be absent. IF YOU MISS you are required to make up the time with Mr. Gorman**

DEVOX PRACTICE DATES: *DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*