WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
6TH-8TH EXTRACURRICULAR CHOIR ACTIVITIES
2026-2027
1st Semester Complete, *2nd Semester In Progress*
Dates and times are subject to change as needed

OPUS Honor Choir

START DATE: Thursday, AUGUST 20
END DATE: Thursday, SEPTEMBER 18th

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	• Choir Only Students - work with Mr. Gorman every other day in class • Band & Choir Students schedule a time during Homeroom or Demon Time to work with Mr. Gorman • Lessons will be scheduled & used for students that request it.	
All students schedule a time to make a recording in the final week of practices		

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Week 1: Sept 1st - 3rd (Practice #1 Scales and #2 My Country Tis of Thee)
Week 2: Sept 8th - 10th (Practice #3 Song Excerpt)
Week 3: Sept 15th - 19th (Refine and RECORD for OPUS)
Week 4: Sept 21st - Recordings Submitted

SUBMISSION DATE: September 21st, 2026

- Recordings are sent in by Gorman or Voice Teacher. All recordings must be done by the 21st
  (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 12th, 2026
- Opus Store Closed: Monday, November 2nd, 2026
- Registration Payments Due: Monday, November 2nd, 2026
- **Performance (SELECT STUDENTS):** OPUS CONCERT Thursday, November 19th, 2026

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

Christmas Carolers

START DATE: November 3RD & 5TH (first week of November)
END DATE: Thursday, December 17th

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 17th, 2026 - 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! 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 must attend a minimum of 7 practices to join us on our community run-out*
- *ALL Students must attend the Tuesday, December 15th rehearsal to join us on the community runout December 17th*
- *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 on our run-out*

WMS CHRISTMAS CAROLERS!	
PRACTICES Monday PM **(ALL SINGERS)** ● 3:25 to 4:00 PM Tuesday AM **(6th Grade)** ● 7:40 to 8:15 AM Thursday AM - **(7th and 8th Grade)** ● 7:40 to 8:15 AM	**PERFORMANCES** **Thursday, December 17th, 2026** - School Day (ALL DAY) - HS, Lincoln, Stewart, MS - COMMUNITY TRIP! - **Money needed pizza ranch** *Back-Up Date December 18th* - *(Half instead of whole day)*

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Week 1-2: Nov. 3rd-11th
Week 3: Nov. 16th-17th ONLY
Week 4: Mon & Tues (Nov 23rd & 24th) ALL Grades
Week 5-7: Dec. 2nd-17th

If you run a business that wants WMS Carolers to visit you on December 17th, 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 4th
END DATE: TENTATIVE DATE - FRIDAY, February 12th **(to be confirmed)**

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 Thursday AM • 7:35 to 8:05 AM	Wednesday PM • 3:25 to 4:00 PM Tuesday AM • 7:40 to 8:15 AM

SNOW DAY OR LATE START Make-up days (WATCH EMAILS WEEK OF)		
FRIDAY AM 7:35 to 8:05 AM	or	FRIDAY PM 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. 4th-8th
Week 2: Jan. 11th-15th
Week 3: Jan. 18th-22rd *(No Monday - Friday AM Practice for SA)*
Week 4: Jan. 25th-29th **Registration Week** ***(Part Checks - do you know your part to perform?)***
Week 5: Feb. 1st-5th
Week 6: Feb. 8-11th **Festival Week** ***(Part Checks - do you know your part to perform?)***

Chaperones

I will need 2 parent chaperones 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 for you as students practice. Just be available to students and direct them towards what they need - food, bathroom, water, break.
- Please reach out to me if you would like to chaperone this event

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: TENTATIVE - Friday, February 12th

- INFORMATION GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT

DEVOX SHOW CHOIR

GENERAL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

START DATE: March 25, 2027
END DATE: May 19th, 2027

Click Here for the DeVox Show Choir Handbook as well as ALL the practice dates for Spring 2027 (INCOMPLETE - will be done by start of Q3)

GENERAL PRACTICE TIMES:

CHOREO Rehearsal	Singing Rehearsal
Monday (6:00PM - 7:30 PM) **OR (depending on Track Schedule)** Tuesday (6:00PM - 7:30 PM)	Wednesday (7:45AM - 8:20AM) ● Treble Clef Voices (Parts 1 & 2) Thursday (7:45AM - 8:20AM) ● Bass Clef Voices (Part 3)

ELIGIBILITY

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*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**