

Ballard High School



Choir Handbook

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Mission Statement

The Ballard High School choir family is a group of students, parents, teachers and administrators preparing and inspiring students for the future through music. The

BHS choir program is open to all students with consideration to grade level, balance of choral parts, and class size. The choir department is a globally minded community, which seeks to celebrate the arts by exploring different backgrounds, cultures and personal experiences through practice and performance.

Classroom Expectations

C	Cell phones are to be put away and not seen in class!
H	Humble yourselves to learn and Hydrate with water!
O	Overcome obstacles that may occur!
I	Integrity! Be the Best you can be!
R	Respect yourself, peers, Mrs. Edelen and the classroom!

Materials for the choir classroom

- A Pencil will be with you AT ALL TIMES!
- Water bottles for hydration.
- Everyone will always need their binder with music. (*Binders are provided*)

Late work/Absent

- Late work is not accepted unless you are absent.
- You are responsible for your late work. NOT ME.

Classwork

<u>Solfege</u>	• Tool used to read music (everyday) • Kodaly hand signs
<u>Music History</u>	• When was music was composed • Composition setting • Language of piece (German, Latin, French, Italian, English) • Translation and meaning of music (poetry, scripture)
<u>Music Theory</u>	• Key Signatures (major & minor) • Chord structures • Note Values • Time Signatures
<u>Elements of music</u>	• Pitch • Rhythm • Form • Timbre • Tempo • Harmony • Melody • Dynamics
<u>Types of music</u>	• Classical/Art Songs • African • Hungarian • Gospel • Spiritual • Folk • Jazz • Broadway • Madrigal

Grades

Grades will be divided into two categories; Mastery & Progression

- Mastery: 70%
 - Concerts
 - Performance assessments in the classroom
- Progression: 30%
 - Daily performance in the classroom, Sight reading quizzes

Remind: *Parents and students are encouraged to join!*

Text: #81010

TTB Choir: @bhsttb2

SSA Choir: @bhsssa2

Concert Choir: @kedelen

Choir 2: @bhsch2024

Bathroom Policy

Mrs. Edelen will not track the use of the bathroom. If Mrs. Edelen begins to notice a routine of consistent use then a conversation will be had. If students are gone for longer than 10 mins they will be written up for a cut. **The more class time a student misses the more instruction they lose.**

Electronic Devices

When you enter, please put your cell phone away. If cell phones become an issue students will be assigned cell phone pockets and even further action will be taken during class.

Concert Attendance

ALL CONCERTS ARE MANDATORY. These are our major assessments throughout the year. The concept of teaching music through performance concludes with a performance to our families, our peers, and people in the community and it is important that every student is a contributing factor.

There are only three reasons to miss a concert.

1. **If there is a death in the family, I have a written note with the parent's signature.**
2. **If there is a school sporting event (not park league) then you have to tell me in advance.**
3. **If you have a medical emergency and you are in the hospital, then I will need a doctor's note excusing you.**

If one of these scenarios occurs to you then you will have to bring your note and complete a makeup assignment. If your absence does not fall under this category, then you will receive a zero as a grade.

Make up assignment: All students with an **excused** absence from a performance will be allowed to complete the alternate assignment. Students will make up a missed performance with a performance. Mrs. Edelen will act as the accompanist while the student sings his/her part of the repertoire from the missed concert alone and live for the class. Alternate performance will not be issued for unexcused absences and the resulting grade will be a zero and possible revocation from future performances.

Dress code for concerts

For concerts and KMEA Assessment we will be wearing **CONCERT BLACK**.

All students will be responsible for obtaining their own performance attire for the year. Please try on garments well before every concert to make sure all items still fit. Coming to a concert without adhering to the concert uniform may result in the student not performing at all and/or a lowered performance grade. If the dress requirements are a problem in any way, please contact me as soon as possible, so we may find a solution.

TB Choir	• Black Dress pants • Long sleeve black dress shirt • Solid black socks & shoes • Maroon tie will be purchased through BHS Choir-\$12
Beginning SSA Choir	<u>Option 1:</u> • Black choir dress, \$68 <u>Option 2:</u> • Black one piece jumpsuit, \$68
Intermediate SSA Choir	<u>Option 1:</u> • Black choir dress, \$68 <u>Option 2:</u> • Black one piece jumpsuit, \$68
Concert Choir	Tenor/Bass: • Tux through the school, \$45 for rental Soprano/Alto: <u>Option 1:</u> • Black choir dress, \$68 <u>Option 2:</u> • Black one piece jumpsuit, \$68

Students will be measured during school hours, and attire will be purchased within the first month of school. PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS TRY ON ITEMS WELL BEFORE CONCERT TO ENSURE PROPER FIT. Payment plans may be scheduled with the teacher if needed. Past members of the choir may also have items for sale

BHS Choir Spring Trip: *Something is in the works and will be revealed at a later date.*

Choir Fee

There is a \$65 choir fee which pays for the following: purchase of music, payment of pianist and equipment for performances. This is paid online.

The following are possible positions on the Choral Council:

The following are the musical leadership of the choir program. They are responsible for assisting the director with all choir tasks. The musical leadership team will be under the umbrella of the choir council and members are required to attend meetings and follow the terms of their contract to maintain active status.

The President and Vice-President will be over the Choral Council and will only be 2 people.

President: Spokesperson for the choir program. You liaison between students and the director. Presides over choir officer meetings Must be a junior or senior Good organizational skills Able to work with a variety of people Possess good management skills Able to manage time effectively-must be at set up and take down for all concerts! (weekends)	Vice-President: Keeps track of choir birthdays on the calendar. Maintain choir calendar on google classroom. Serve as committee chairs for various events. S/he will also work closely with the president. Able to attend set up and take down for all concerts! (weekends)
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Below council members will exist in every ensemble:

Secretary: Keeps minutes at choir officer meetings. Makes announcements to the ensemble. Collects and alphabetizes forms. Take attendance during class. Helps create programs for concerts.	Wardrobe Officer(s): Assists with uniform fittings. Assists with spirit wear distribution. Assists with robes and transportation of costumes. Assists with collecting and cataloging the uniforms at the end of the year.
Librarian: Assists the director with filing new music. Helps distribute music to choir students. Helps collect and re-file music after concerts. Make copies for music.	Historian: Collect pictures and videos from every event to be utilized in choir publicity. Help create the end-of-the-year video for the choir banquet.
Treasurer: Handles any/all money turned in for spirit wear, fundraisers, ticket sales, etc... Need to be trustworthy Needs to be confident when dealing with peers and money	

These elections will take place in the classroom.

Please fill out the next paper to verify that you have read all of the BHS handbook and that you understand all of the responsibilities for an SCHS Choir student.

Student name _____

Student cell phone _____

I have read the handbook and understand all of the SCHS Choir policies and procedures.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Email for choir news and notifications

Parent Email

Student Email

Due No later than August 30th!
Ballard Choirs Calendar 2024-2025

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Date	Musical event	Location	Time	Attire	Required
Aug. 17	Madrigal Camp	BHS Choir room	8am-Noon		X Madrigals
Aug. 20	Choir Parent Meeting	BHS Library	6pm	N/A	
Sept. 11	KYACDA Honor Choir auditions due	BHS	before/after school	N/A	Freshmen only
Sept. 17	All-State Workshop	U of L School of Music	6:30-9pm	Look nice	10-12th grade auditionees
Sept. 24	Middle School Invitation	Courtyard	Call: 5pm Concert: 6:30pm	Choir T-shirt and jeans	X
Sept. 26	All County Auditions	Butler High School	5pm-8pm	Look Nice	10th-12th grade only
Sept. 28	Madrigal Camp	Choir Room	8am-Noon	casual	X Madrigals
Oct. 12	Madrigal Camp	Choir Room	8am-noon	casual	X Madrigals
Oct. 24	Fall Concert	TBA	Call: 5:00pm Start: 7:00pm	Concert Attire	X
Nov. 1-2	KYACDA Honor Choir	Lexington, KY	TBA	TBA	Freshmen who made it
Nov. 9	All-state Auditions	Atherton	TBA	Dress Clothes/no leggings	10th-12th grade
Nov. 12	Jr. High All County Auditions	Noe Middle School	4pm-7pm	Dress Nice	Freshmen Only
Nov. 16	Madrigal Camp	Choir Room	8am-Noon	Casual	X Madrigals
Nov. 23	Madrigal Clean out day	FAC	9am-noon		X Madrigals
Dec. 1	Madrigal Move in Day	FAC/St. Matthews Episcopal Church	1pm-5pm	Casual	X Madrigals
Dec. 2	Tech Rehearsal	St. Matthews Episcopal Church	5pm-9pm	Casual	X Madrigals
Dec. 3	Dress Rehearsal	St. Matthews Episcopal Church	5pm-9pm	Costumes	X Madrigals
Dec. 4	Student Dinner	St. Matthews Episcopal Church	Call-5pm Perf-6:30pm	Costumes	X Madrigals
Dec. 5	Faculty Dinner	St. Matthews Episcopal Church	Call-5pm Perf-6:30pm	Costumes	X Madrigals

Dec. 6	Alumni Dinner	St. Matthews Episcopal Church	Call-5pm Perf-6:30pm	Costumes	X Madrigals
Dec. 7	Family Dinner	St. Matthews Episcopal Church	Call-5pm Perf-6:30pm	Costumes	X Madrigals
Dec. 17	Winter Concert	FAC	Call: 5:00pm Start: 7:00pm	Concert Attire	X
January TBA	U of L Honor Choir	U of L School of Music	TBA	Concert Attire	Students will be selected
Feb. 1	KMEA All-State Regional Rehearsal	U of L School of Music	TBA	Look Nice	Students audition
Feb. 5-7	KMEA All-State	Louisville Convention Center	TBA	TBA	Students audition
Feb. 12	Dessert Talent Show	St. Matthews Baptist Church	Call: after school rehearsal Start: 7:00pm	Nice clothes	Students audition
March 4	Pre-Assessment Concert	FAC	Call: 5:00pm Start: 7:00pm	Concert Attire	X
March TBA	KMEA Assessment	U of L School of Music	During School day	Concert Attire	X
March 28	Sing-Off	BHS Courtyard	Start: 6:30pm	Student Choice	X
May 13	Spring Concert	FAC	Call: 5:00 Start: 7:00	Concert black	X
May 23	Choir Banquet	St. Matthews Baptist Church	6:30pm	Nice clothes	
May TBA	BHS Graduation	Freedom Hall	TBA	Concert Dress	Concert Choir Members!

Fundraisers will be announced and added to the calendar