

MSHS Advanced Choir Audition

Permission Form

2023 - 2024

Participating in the Camerata, Bel Canto, & Bella Voce choirs at Mount Si High School is an incredibly exciting and rewarding experience, but can also be a large responsibility for students and their families. Auditioning for an advanced choir is a decision that should not be taken lightly. These choirs share in many special experiences and it makes for life-long memories and an extremely enriching musical experience. But these experiences don't happen the way that they do without a large amount of work and effort on the students' part and that should be thoughtfully considered before a student commits to one of these choirs.

For example, both ensembles participate in multiple performance opportunities that sometimes occur during the school day but also frequently occur in the evenings or on weekends. For example, a weekend retreat is required in September or October for all ensembles. Students in advanced choirs are required to participate in Solo and Ensemble which occurs on a Saturday and can require extra rehearsal time outside of class. Extra rehearsals in the afternoon or evenings usually occur 2-4 times throughout the school year. Students considering participating in next years' advanced ensembles should also be aware that we will likely take a small local trip over a weekend or one of our breaks for a festival or tour/exchange next year.

Advanced ensembles are also a larger financial commitment for families. A \$25.00 uniform fee is required in addition to the \$13.00 t-shirt fee. The required Fall Retreat fee is usually around \$150.00. And as mentioned, we will likely be taking a small overnight trip for a festival or tour next year. Students and families should be prepared to help with fundraising and will want to plan ahead for financing the trip once details become available. Scholarship help is always available through our VOICE Boosters. Location, dates, and estimated cost of the trip will be communicated before the end of the school year.

Finally, students should be prepared that there is an expectation of consistent practice outside of the school day. Students are expected to come to class with their music prepared. The music is more challenging and the music is expected to be learned more quickly.

Please see and sign the back of this page and return it to Mrs. Isaacs & Ms. Woodbury when you come in for your audition time.

By signing below, I understand that being in Camerata, Bel Canto, or Bella Voce comes with great responsibility. I understand that I will be asked to participate in several performance opportunities and rehearsals outside the school day and that I will be expected to come to class prepared with my music learned each day. I also understand that if I am selected to be in either of these advanced ensembles, I am expected to register for this ensemble. (Mrs. Isaacs & Ms. Woodbury are building these groups based on specific numbers, balance, and blend of voices). I understand that if it turns out I cannot register for the choir I have been assigned to, I must notify them immediately.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____