



Liberty Middle School Chorus Newsletter

Week One is Done!

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Dear Liberty Chorus Families,

Welcome to Liberty's Chorus. We want your kids to feel like our classrooms are home, and in chorus I want all of you to be part of our family.

Many of you have already signed off on our [syllabus](#). On the following pages I will summarize the more urgent matters - Formalwear and SchoolPay, Fundraising, Trips, etc. I will also include information about **All-State Chorus** auditions and **District Honor Chorus**.

Next week students will start practicing their music at home! In the past, practice logs have been for a grade. They are required to practice 30 minutes per week, divided up any way they want. It

could be 10 minutes for 3 days, 15 minutes for 2 days, 5 minutes for 6 days, etc. This is part of our STAR values: Accountability for doing our part lends itself to the Teamwork which is necessary for a great choral experience. They will log the time at the beginning of class, which is an excellent exercise in executive skills. They are working on “Peace Song,” which will first be performed at our school’s 9/11 ceremony and also at our fall concert on October 7.

Thank you for all you do to support these kids, to partner with their teachers, and for being a part of Liberty Middle’s voice,



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"Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education." - Plato

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THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

Chorus T-Shirts

Confirm your child's size
in this form

- ★ Shirts will be worn for our 9/11 ceremony, the Spring Pops Concert, and other events.
- ★ The cost on SchoolPay will be live next week. (\$25.)
- ★ We will sell shirts to friends, family, and faculty members as a fundraiser.

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Formalwear

See the
for more details

- ★ Students will be fitted at school. *Please do not order the items on your own.*
- ★ Students who are in band can purchase formalwear through either program; they do not need both!
- ★ The cost on SchoolPay will be for the cost of the formalwear PLUS \$15 for accompanist fees later this year.

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Fall Concert - October

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- ★ Students should plan to stay after school.
- ★ Students can bring snacks for after school.
- ★ All students are expected to stay and [help reset the rotunda](#) and will be dismissed by grade level. (It is not a long or tedious process if everyone does their part!) We should be completely finished by 7:30 p.m.

Do you have *concert pictures* you would like to share? If so, please send them!

COMING UP:

Looking ahead

September 15:	<i>All-State Registration Deadline</i>	
October 7:	<i>Fall Concert</i>	<i>6:30 LMS</i>
November 2:	<i>All-State Audition 1</i>	<i>Location to be announced</i>
November 15:	<i>North United School Event (field trip)</i>	<i>FoCAL Center</i>
November 21-22:	<i>District Honor Chorus School</i>	<i>Dawson Co. High</i>
December 9:	<i>Winter Concert</i>	<i>6:30, location to be determined</i>
February 24:	<i>Fine Arts Night</i>	<i>LMS 6:00 - 8:00</i>

<i>March 3-8:</i>	<i>All grades LGPE</i>	<i>Cumming F&ME</i>
<i>(field trip)</i>		
<i>March</i>	<i>Universal Studios 7th-8th Trip</i>	
<i>May 12:</i>	<i>Spring Pops Concert</i>	<i>LMS 6:30</i>

The Handbook - everything is in it!

It has all of the class materials, expectations, lesson plans, rehearsal tracks, and the concert and event schedules. The handbook is also a living document that we use daily in class, so expect regular updates to it. The handbook will be linked to Canvas, so students will be aware of changes as they happen.

Liberty Chorus Website

We have a website! It is constantly updated and has some crucial pieces in place, including our concert dates. If you have photos, including any from previous years, that you would like to share for the website, I would love to include them!

[READ MORE ON OUR LIBERTY CHORUS WEBSITE](#)