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Course Syllabus: Beginning & Advanced Chorus

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Conservatory Facilitator

(bold/starred items are new/updated for 2023-2024)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Choir fee will cover supplies needed and field trip costs related to choir
- **Specified choral uniform (see below)**
- Participation in all LMEA, District 2, and Bolton Conservatory sponsored events, concerts, and contests you may qualify for
- Participation in Conservatory fundraisers

OBJECTIVES:

- To build a repertoire of songs that students enjoy singing
- To provide opportunities for understanding basic music theory
- To provide opportunities for singing with proper vocal and breathing techniques
- To acquaint students with music theory, history, and proper terminology

CONTENT:

- Posture - sitting and standing correctly
- Breathing - establish healthy and sustainable breathing habits
- Theory - including staff, clef, notes/rests, pitch names of the lines and spaces, meter,, intervals, key signatures, etc.
- Articulation - to obtain understandable diction
- Intonation - to be aware of singing on pitch and how to harmonize in a blended fashion
- Performance - using dynamics, phrasing, and all aspects of printed music to create beautiful ensemble sounds
- General Music History- to understand the importance of period pieces and how to perform them appropriately

GRADING:



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- Weekly participation grades
- **Weekly Binder/Journal grades**
- Sight singing exercises, class exercises, and assignments
- Participation in ALL choral performances and festivals - if you are absent from a concert, competition, or festival for any reason a grade of 0 will be given unless it is covered under excused absences in the RPSB handbook.

Grade Recovery per district guidelines is as follows:

- Only 2 grading periods can be recovered, Q4 is not included.
- 67 is the maximum grade earned for GR
- Student qualifications for GR
 - Minimum of a 50 for the quarter recovered
 - No more than 3 unexcused absences in the quarter to be recovered
- Parent Contact
 - Letter home on first GR
 - Verbal contact on second (phone conversation with parent)

GRADING SCALE: 7 point grading scale.

FEES:

There is a \$60 choir fee required of everyone.

This must be paid by September 14, 2023.

Fees help to pay for field trips (many of which are required for our audition and assessment schedule), District memberships, and materials needed for class.

UNIFORM: Due to the increasing possibility of a K-12 Academic Magnet merger, we will be shifting our uniform policy slightly. **Students may wear the same unifrom dress or tuxedo from last year, but we will be transitioning to performance black professional dress attire as we prepare for this overarching transition.** The reasoning for this is to maintain uniformity throughout the Conservatory in all disciplines, the cost of uniforms being more accessible with a wider range of options, and freedom for movement in the clothes. Again, there will be **no penalty** if the student



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decides to remain with their choir uniform from last year, but we will be moving to professional all black attire for 2024-2025. The rule still remains that NO HIGH HEELS are allowed. Closed toed black dress shoes are required.

** We will distinguish between the middle schoolers and high schoolers with the middle school students wearing white shirts, which is why the black shirts are important.

CHOIR DATES:

- Parent Meeting: August 18, 2023 @ 4 PM: Bolton Auditorium
- Signed course syllabus due: August 18, 2023
- Conservatory fundraisers: October 21, 2023; October 30, 2023; TBD Spring
- Choir fees due: September 14, 2023
- First Round All-State auditions: Saturday, September 15, 2023
- Second Round All-State auditions: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ THS
- LMEA All State Convention: November 16-19, 2023 (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Conservatory Christmas Concert: Dec. 12, 2023
- District 2 Honor Choir: February 2-3, 2024 @ PHS (Literary Rally is Feb. 24!)
- District Solo/Small Ensemble Festival: Friday, March 1, 2024 @ Bolton
- District 2 Large Ensemble Festival: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ THS

Please be prepared to adjust and add to your schedules. I will give you notice as things change.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

- Students are to enter the classroom daily with the correct school uniform and ID badge properly worn before the tardy bell rings.
- Class begins each day when the tardy bell rings. You will be counted tardy if you are not in your assigned seat when the bell rings. School policies regarding tardiness will be strictly and consistently followed.



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- Classroom needs will include a sharpened pencil and your choir binder. You should have these with you at your seat when the tardy bell rings. DO NOT come to class without your binder and pencil. You will be assigned a storage place for your binder.
- Gum chewing, food, or beverages of any kind are prohibited.
- Cell phones should not be seen or heard. I have been asked to confiscate and turn into the office any cell phones I see or hear.
- I will dismiss you at the end of the class. Do not run.
- Participation in class activities is a major portion of your grade. Be committed, alert, and enthusiastic at all times.

Parent Conservatory Meeting Friday, August 18, 2023 @ 4pm in the Auditorium. We will be discussing this years changes, prepping for next years changes, and a new Honors Society we're joining.



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Print Student Name

Parental Acceptance of Choir Course Syllabus

Student Acceptance of Choir Course Syllabus

Dated: _____

School Year 2023-2024

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