

**Centennial High School**  
**“Shades of Blue”**  
**Show Choir Handbook**  
**2024-2025**

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# Attendance & Grading

## Attendance:

1. Attendance is a must and ALL concerts, competitions, and performances are MANDATORY!
2. Excused absences from a performance include: family emergency (student must have a signed note from parents and/or parent must talk to Mr. Duff in advance), death in the immediate family, or sickness (must have a doctor's note).
3. ALL excused absences must be cleared with Mr. Duff as far as possible in advance and definitely 24 hours PRIOR to the performance. **Just because an absence has been reported doesn't mean it's excused. See excused absences below to know what is an excused absence.**
4. **Students in the choir, band and crew may not miss more than 3 rehearsals or performances outside of school.** Those students who have 3 or more unexcused absences from rehearsals or performances will be dismissed from the group with a failing grade. This could also reflect upon future acceptance into the group. Those students will also be responsible for paying their costume fee even if they are no longer performing or in the group. Costumes are personalized for each member.
5. Unexcused absences will result in a grade deduction.
6. Attendance is taken daily , at rehearsals and performances and will reflect upon your grade.
7. EXCUSED ABSENCES:
  - a. Sickness or ill with a doctor's note
  - b. Death in the Immediate Family
  - c. Family Emergency (student must have a signed note from parents and/or parent must talk to Mr. Duff)
  - d. Another school event as long as it has been discussed and OK'd with Mr. Duff prior to going. Performances trump practices.
8. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:
  - a. Work
  - b. Don't have a ride
  - c. Didn't know about the practice or performance

## Grading:

Performances/concerts After School rehearsals

Signed Handbook Saturday rehearsals

Elementary Tour (if applicable) Show Choir end-of-the-year Survey

Pencil checks School Performances

Competitions

Senior Final- Choir Portfolio

Undergrad Final is the Graduation Performance (30 points)-you may not use exam exemptions for this final.

More grades are TBA.

**\*\*Failure to attend concert performances may result in a failing grade unless it is an excused absence and make-up work is completed correctly and in a timely manner.\*\***

Grading Scale is the same as schools, please refer to the student handbook.

# TRIPS AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

- **Be on time.** Consequence- Grade reduction. The choir leaves without you and you have to find your own ride to performances.
- **Dressed and Ready.** Have ALL your performance outfit ready and on if directed. Outfits must be clean and wrinkle-free. Men must have a clean shaved face (no facial hair). Men's hair should be styled so that it is out of the face/eyes. Ladies no fingernail polish except french tips is permitted. Ladies' hair and make-up is uniform.
- **Respectful and Good Behavior.** As a member of the CHS Show Choir you are a representative of our school. You are to be on your best behavior at all times and do not talk back to authorities. Consequence-left up to the director.
- **Bus Behavior.** All school rules apply on buses. Consequence-write-up from bus driver or director or assigned seats on bus and/or finding your own transportation to performances. You may NOT stand/move seats on the school buses while it is in motion and until we reach our destination. Standing on a charter bus should only happen if going to the bathroom or getting something from your overhead compartment.
- **Trip Attendance.** Trips are a part of the competition season. The show choir is a team that requires all members to be present to have a successful performance. Trips are a mandatory part of show choir and competition season. Mr. Duff tries his best to notify the show choir of any trips they might take for the upcoming season ASAP. All trip expenses must be paid for prior to the trip.
- **Student Code of Conduct.** Show Choir students are expected to follow the rules in the Student Code of Conduct. Please review this handbook and know the rules and consequences.

# Show Choir Costume Information

## When costumes/t-shirts/jackets are to be worn:

- During a dress rehearsal, at Mr. Duff's discretion.
- Concerts and Performances

## Cleaning:

- You are responsible for taking care of your own costumes/jackets/etc.
- Costumes should be hung up at all times.
- Please pay close attention to the costume information on cleaning.

## Costs:

- Students are responsible to pay for their fees in a timely manner. If a student quits AFTER costumes have already been ordered, the student still owes their fee. Costumes are ordered to fit each individual's measurements so we can not reuse the costume that was specifically ordered for you. Fundraisers will be available to help offset the amount of money to be paid out of pocket. All costumes must be paid in full by the Monday before the first competition or you do not compete until you pay. If a student has not paid in full by the 3rd competition they will not compete in any competition there after.

*Please note: Each time a student is not at a competition the entire show choir has to re-block and re-learn new choreography. It is your responsibility to adhere to the show choir payment schedule and get your fees turned in ON TIME. Unpaid fees will also be turned into the school and students will not receive their report cards until fees are paid. Also, seniors will not receive their diploma until fees are paid. Second Note: If a student does not have all their fees paid for the current year, they will not be accepted into the show choir the next season until last season's payments are fulfilled.*

# Old Town Showdown

The Centennial Show Choir hosts a show choir competition in February called the *Old Town Showdown*. In order to put on this huge event we need parent involvement.

## Committees:

Committee Leaders  
Program/Sponsors  
Food/Concessions  
Signs/Parking  
Back Stage  
Hospitality  
Central Office  
Clean-up  
Security

## Fundraiser Expectations for Students

To help contribute and to help alleviate the burden on the parent's pocket books it is EXPECTED that choir members participate in ALL fundraisers. The profit from these fundraisers will go into the choir general account for our Show Choir Choreographer, Competition Entrance Fees, Music Arrangements and Copyrights.. All members are expected to participate. See the calendar and page 7 of the handbook for a complete list of fundraisers and when they will take place. Please see Mr. Duff if you have any questions or would like to know the balance in your child's account.

# Show Choir Fundraisers 2024-2025

## **June 2024**

-June 8th- Shades of Blue Carwash 10:00-3:00, Location TBD

## **July 2024**

-July 1st-4th Firework Stand, Hours and Location TBD

## **August 2024**

-World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

## **September 2024**

-Show Choir/ CHS merchandise Fundraiser

## **October 2024**

-Candy Fundraiser- Gummy Bears/ Gummy Worms

## **November 2024**

-Corn Hole Tournament

## **February 2025**

-Old Town Showdown Competition

## **Other Possible Fundraisers:**

Open to suggestions

# SUMMER REHEARSALS & SHOW CHOIR CAMP

- Summer rehearsals begin in June with vocal rehearsal, stretching and working out. • Show Choir Choreography Camp is where the students learn the entire show with the choreographer in one week. See calendar for times. Camp is MANDATORY for all Show Choir, Crew and Band members. They may meet at different times during the day however there will be common time for bonding activities.

- Breaks will be given and students will not be permitted to go off campus during breaks. Lunch will be provided.
- Wear comfy clothes and tennis shoes to Show Choir Camp. You may also want to bring your performance shoes toward the end of the camp. If we are tapping and you are a tapper, please bring the appropriate shoes when instructed. Bring water and snacks to keep you refreshed during breaks. If you have asthma please make sure you bring your inhalers! Also, remember to bring your music, folder, and pencil to all practices. Deodorant is appreciated as well! • Bring a water bottle to ALL rehearsals. There are refilling stations at the water fountains. • No missing rehearsals, coming in late or leaving early.

## HEALTH AND FITNESS

Show Choir is an extremely hard physical activity. While we do exercises and stretching during rehearsals, it is a good idea to get yourself in shape prior to camp and to continue exercising through the entire year.

During rehearsal breaks PLEASE, take the opportunity to hydrate yourself. Also, make sure your Emergency Medical form has been turned in and is up-to-date. If any information changes, it is important to notify Ms. McClain.

\*Please note that show choir (as a singer/dancer) does count towards your physical education credit\*

# Show Choir Band

- This is a select group, chosen by the Director.
- The members of this band must have achieved a high level of playing on their instrument and be able to play their own parts independently.
- Show Choir band members may take Show Choir as a class if it fits into their schedule. • It is the responsibility of each Show Choir Band member to learn their own music and come prepared to rehearsals.
- Show Choir Band members must attend all rehearsals and if they can not they must fill out an absence slip just as the choir members would. Just like choir members, show choir band members are expected to be at all rehearsals and not miss more than 3 unexcused rehearsals. This could result in termination from the group. • Rehearsals for the band are noted in the Show Choir Calendar.
- Band members must purchase the Show Choir jacket and t-shirt as a part of their uniform. There will also be additional “costume” purchases for band members. Please follow the choir’s show choir payment schedule to get your show choir band fees paid on time as well.

# Show Choir Crew

- Crew members are interviewed and selected by the director.
- Crewmembers are responsible for creating, making/building, and maintaining the Show Choir sets. They also help the choir backstage with costume changes, visual effects, sound effects and build-up and tear down sets. • The crew may take Show Choir as a class if it fits into their schedule.
- The crew begins working on the sets in June and is required to attend rehearsals as marked in their show choir calendars.
- Crewmembers are to be at all performances and competitions.
- Crewmembers must purchase the Show Choir jacket and t-shirt as it is a part of their uniform. There could possibly be additional “costume” purchases for the crew members. In the past, the crew has worn traditional black at competitions for performances; black button-up shirt, black pants (can be jeans, no sweats), black socks, black shoes. If the crew “costume” goes with the specific theme, then there would be the additional purchase. • If a crewmember misses more than 3 unexcused absences from rehearsals they will be dismissed from the group.

## Chaperone Duties at Competitions

1. All chaperones must be school board approved. This process takes time so please do so in advance and when Mr. Duff advises that you do so.
2. Chaperones are parents who ride the bus to and from competitions and help supervise the choir while at competitions. They are on first come, first serve basis and/or selected by Mr. Duff.
3. On the bus chaperones are asked to help keep control of students including:
  - Keeping noise level down
  - Students in their seats and facing forward
  - Students are not allowed to stand up or move seats while the bus is in motion
  - Students are not permitted to eat or drink on the bus
  - Keeping an eye on students
  - Chaperones may be asked to help unload or load our equipment.
5. In the "Homerooms" at competitions:
  - If boys/girls rooms are separated then make sure they stay that way at all times
  - Only the School Board Approved chaperones are permitted to be in the homerooms, no parents.
  - Keep the room as structured and organized as possible
  - Keep noise level down. Remind the students that they are being watched on and off stage.
  - A chaperone should be in the room at all times to keep an eye on students. Most competitions will not allow students in the room alone without a chaperone at all times.
  - There should be no food in the homeroom or drinks (with the exception of water and bottled drinks). -Some chaperones may even be asked to help the choir with the application of make-up or doing hair, ironing/steaming or sewing.
6. In the Performance Halls:
  - Keeping a general eye on the students.
  - If you see students talking during a performance please wait till the performance is over and then tell them to stop. I also ask that you give me the names of the students.
  - Students should NEVER have their cell phones out during a performance when in a performance hall. They may have them out in between performances.
  - If room is limited in the performance hall and students are asked to leave and make room for paying patrons please see that our students are respectful and leave to the overflow area.
  - Students are not allowed to sit on top of each other, cuddle or any other form of PDA.
  - Please make sure students do not have their feet up on the backs of chairs (hanging over). Remind them that they are being judged both on and off stage and representing the entire Show Choir and CentennialHigh School.
7. The Show Choir will meet up at some point after their performance to watch some groups together as long as time allows. If we are unable to meet and watch groups beforehand please note that the Show Choir and Chaperones meet before the awards ceremony and walk together. A meeting time and place will be discussed at the competition.
8. After the awards ceremony the students all go back to the homeroom and pack up OR get ready for finals. When packing up to leave, please make sure the room is picked up and all trash is thrown away. As a group we carefully take down the decorations and clean up for the competition staff. Once Mr. Duff gives word it is okay to load the buses students may begin to do so. Seniors are the last to leave the room and make sure nothing is left behind.

## **Show Choir Camp Schedule-Winter Set**

(Monday-Thursday June 24-28)

9:00am-12:15pm: Warm-up/stretch/Choreography

**12:15pm-1:00pm: Lunch Lunch Provided**

1:00pm-5:00pm: Rehearsal

5:00pm-5:30pm: Activity Time

## **Show Choir Camp Schedule-British Invasion**

(Monday-Friday July 8-12)

9:00am-12:15pm: Warm-up/stretch/Choreography

**12:15pm-1:00pm: Lunch Lunch Provided**

1:00pm-5:00pm: Rehearsal

5:00pm-5:30pm: Activity Time

## **Show Choir camp Schedule-Crew British Invasion**

(Monday-Friday July 8-12)

4:00pm-4:15pm: Daily task discussion

4:15pm-5:00pm: Work on Sets

5:00pm-5:30pm: Activity Time

**5:30pm-6:30pm: Dinner (Provided by the Parents)**

6:30-8:30pm: Work on Sets

# Parent Opportunities to Help the Show Choir

## Camp:

1. **Water! We go through a lot of water. If you can donate a case or two, it would be greatly appreciated. We use water ALL year long for camp, rehearsals and competitions, it will not go to waste.** A Cooler or two for the week of camp is appreciated as well.
2. **Volunteer to bring in food/drinks for dinner.**
3. Help the crew with building sets. This is huge! These kids can't do it alone. They are eager to learn and help however, they will need guidance.
4. Parents are not permitted in the rehearsal space during any vocal or choreography rehearsals during camp. We know you want to see what they're learning and we will try to post updates on the Parent Facebook Page of what they're working on.

## Choir Club

1. Attend choir club meetings and become more involved! We love fresh ideas!

## Old Town Showdown

1. Volunteer to be on a committee.
2. Attend Spotlight Meetings.
3. Volunteer the day before and the day of the Old Town Showdown.

## Competitions

1. Volunteer to chaperone.
2. Join our stage crew dads (and moms)! They help move our sets throughout the competition day.
3. Bring in food/drink donations for the student's snack bags.
4. Help put together the student's snack bags.
5. Cheer, hoot and holler from the audience!!

## Rehearsals

1. Make sure your son/daughter has water at rehearsals. If they have an inhaler, make sure they bring it.
2. Parents are not permitted in the rehearsal space during a rehearsal. These rehearsals are closed rehearsals unless you have Ms. Duff's permission.
3. Make sure students arrive on time to rehearsals and are picked-up after rehearsals.
4. We do have two work-day rehearsals that parents are permitted to be at and help. One is in October and the other is in January.

## Fundraisers

1. Come out and support the show choir!
2. Advertise to family and friends.

# Communication

We strive to keep the communication very open in the Show Choir. Please join our parent telegram.

## **What does my Show Choir Fee Pay for?**

The estimates below will give you an example of the out of pocket expenses for the Show Choir. The Show Choir is not supported financially through the school. We raise money through fundraisers to help off-set the cost. Please note that your Show Choir fee does not equal the total amount for the following fees. That is why it is expected that each student participates in Group Fundraisers.

\$5750 Choreography/housing/travel for camp

\$2400 Copyrights

\$4000 Custom Music Arrangements

\$600 Crew Supplies (camp-does not include throughout the year)

\$1800 Competition Entry Fees

\$4000 Clinicians/Cleanings

Other expenses:

Props

Shipping of costumes and supplies

Rhinestones & Paint for shoes