



2025-2026 WildScats Blue Vocal Jazz Ensemble

1st Semester Rehearsal/Performance Schedule

Attendance Policy

Dear WildScats Blue members: membership you hold in WildScats Blue is an honor and commitment. It is essential that you maintain consistent attendance, practice the repertoire outside of rehearsal and actively participate in rehearsals. Failure to attend a required event (rehearsal, performance) without a valid, written excuse fully explaining the absence may result in removal from the ensemble. Excessive absences may result in not being able to perform in a given concert. Punctuality also impacts the impression you make, the role you hold, and inevitably, membership in the ensemble.

If a student misses rehearsal they will be required to submit a part check recording of the material that was covered that day. Part check recordings may be required for the entire ensemble at various points throughout the year to ensure that all members are practicing and reviewing the material. Part check recordings may also be required for students who show a lack of preparation during rehearsal. Preparation and focused participation in rehearsal will truly shape the WildScats Blue experience.

A written note explaining, in full, any absence from a required event must be received by Mr. Rimington at least two weeks prior to the event in order for the excuse to be considered. However, submitting a note does not automatically excuse you. Upon notification of an absence from a required event, Mr. Rimington will acknowledge the excuse as being either *Excused* or *Unexcused*. An excused absence means that you have an opportunity to make up the event in the form of extra rehearsal or assistance with clerical/management needs associated with the ensemble. In the case of an unexcused absence, you are not given the opportunity to make up the event. In the event of an unexcused absence, an ensuing conversation with Mr. Rimington will take place regarding your commitment to the ensemble, and a judgment will be made regarding your continuing membership. Notification of emergency conflicts will be received up to one week following the required event.

Do not expect high degrees of cooperation or assistance from Mr. Rimington in resolving long existing conflicts communicated at the last minute. Excuses offered in the past that are not valid include: family vacations, booked airline flights, club athletic events (practices & games), college visits, community fine arts productions, work schedules, babysitting, lack of transportation, etc. Makeup opportunities for such excuses will not be available.

All rehearsals take place in the Main Campus Choir Room (A118) unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, August 19	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:00pm-6:45pm	ILMEA Help Session 1 st Rehearsal
Thursday, August 21	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, August 26	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, August 28	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 2	5:00pm- <u>6:30pm</u>	Rehearsal
Thursday, September 4	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 9	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, September 11	6:30am-7:15am	Bass/Tenor Sectional
Tuesday, September 16	No Rehearsal	
Thursday, September 18	6:30am-7:15am	Sop/Alto Sectional
Tuesday, September 23	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, September 25	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 30	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, October 2	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 7	<u>4:00pm-5:00pm</u>	Rehearsal (Concert Week!)

Thursday, October 9	No morning rehearsal	
	2:45pm-3:15pm (after school - Auditorium)	Sound Check
	Fall Choral Concerts (6:15pm performance)	

Tuesday, October 14	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, October 16	6:30am-7:15am	Sop/Alto Sectional
Tuesday, October 21	No Rehearsal (Institute Day)	
Thursday, October 23	6:30am-7:15am	Bass/Tenor Sectional
Tuesday, October 28	5:00pm- <u>6:15pm</u>	Rehearsal
Thursday, October 30	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Saturday, November 1	IMEA District Jazz Festival (for those selected students) @ NVHS	
Tuesday, November 4	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, November 6	No Rehearsal	
Tuesday, November 11	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, November 13	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 18	5:00pm-6:45pm	Rehearsal
Thursday, November 20	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 25	No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving Break)	
Thursday, November 27	No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving Break)	
Tuesday, December 2	<u>5:00pm-6:00pm</u> (Crystal Week)	Rehearsal in the Auditorium
Wednesday, December 3	Crystal Concert Dress Rehearsal (Times TBA)	

Thursday, December 4	No morning rehearsal
	Crystal Concerts (6:00pm & 8:15pm)

Friday, December 5	Crystal Concerts (6:00pm & 8:15pm)
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Tuesday, December 9	No rehearsal	
Thursday, December 11	6:30am-7:15am	Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 16	No rehearsal (Finals)	
Thursday, December 18	No rehearsal (Finals)	