



Choir

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Mrs. Moorman

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Course Description	To develop vocal skills and technique, independent musicians, good citizenship and self-discipline through music literacy and theory resulting in live performances 4 times per year.
Course Goals	Each student should be able to sing accurately individually and in a group correct pitches in any selection their respective part as well as major and minor scales and chords. Students should be able to sight read a simple melody with 85% accuracy.
Course Materials	Each student is required to have the following items: 1 - <u>1" BLACK VIEW BINDER</u> – (can be purchased from Mrs. Moorman for \$3.00) Loose leaf paper Pencils (every day!) – pencil checks will take place for points! Concert/Contest Calendar Music will be provided for students – loss of an octavo will be \$2.00 each <i>6th grade – 1 box of Kleenex 7th grade – 1 pkg Dixie cups 8th grade – 1 roll paper towel</i>
Concert Expectations	ALL students are REQUIRED to attend ALL concerts and contests. Two copies of the calendar has been provided and should be kept in your binder as well as taken home. Missing a concert without a valid excuse will result in a lowering of class grade by 2 letter grades. Valid excuses are major sickness of self or death in the family and must be accompanied by a written note from parent. Please make sure that you have transportation to and from all concerts unless other wise provided. No Cell phones/texting during concerts. You need to stay for the ENTIRE concert. No talking during a concert.

Concert Attire	<p>All students are required to wear the choir polo for concerts and contest. The polo cost is \$15.00. Checks made payable to HMS.</p> <p><u>6th grade</u> – Orange Polo with Music Logo <u>7th/8th grade</u> – Black Polo with Music Logo</p> <p>Along with the polo, other attire requirements are: Solid Black Pants/Capris/Skirt (to knees) Solid Black Shoes – no flip-flops Solid Black Socks or leg covering</p>
Behavior Expectations	<p>All behavior expectations outlined in the Student Handbook are upheld in Choir.</p> <p>Please do not chew gum, refrain from touching instruments without instruction, please be on time. <u>These offences will result in loss of participation points.</u></p> <p><u>SAM</u> principles should be followed at all times.</p>
Behavior Consequences	<p>Depending on severity of offence, the following consequences could be assigned:</p> <p><u>Lunch Detention</u> – 1 occurrence on an incident report form (at 3 occurrences an office referral is given)</p> <p><u>Office Referral</u> - no lunch detention given, no incident report form</p> <p><u>Removal from Class/Office Referral</u> – usually results in an after school detention, WILS*, or out of school suspension.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*WILS = Work In Lieu of Suspension</p>
Dual Enrollment	<p>Students wishing to be dual enrolled in both a vocal and instrumental ensemble will be subject to additional testing to ensure that class material is understood and student is able to perform well in both classes.</p> <p>See attached additional information including details and rubrics.</p>
Grading System	<p>Concerts/Contests are worth 100 points each</p> <p>All homework is point based and valued equally.</p> <p>5 participation points given daily</p> <p>A 90-100 B 80-89 C 70-79 D 60-69 F 59 and below</p> <p>Grades start over each semester.</p>
Self Monitoring Grades	<p>Grades will be posted weekly on Skyward. You will be able to check your grades on the Student or Parent Access system. Periodically I will inform you of your grade in class. Grades are cumulative throughout the quarter.</p>

Parents/Guardians –

Please be sure to read through the entire syllabus and take a copy of the calendar for your refrigerator. Please be sure to save the date for all choral events at this time to avoid conflicts later in the year.

Check each of the following items, sign the form and consider volunteering to help in one of the areas below.

_____ I will provide my choir students with a black 1” binder and specific paper good item.

_____ I have taken one of the choir calendars and have saved each choir date.

_____ I understand that I must purchase a \$15 polo shirt for my 7th/8th grade student or the \$25 fee for my 6th grade student (includes polo & music cost)

_____ I will provide transportation to and from concerts and other music events.

_____ I understand that my student is required to stay for the entire length of a concert or performance.

Parent Signature _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

I would be willing to volunteer for:

_____ Supervision before & during a concert or contest

_____ Assisting Mrs. Moorman in fundraising activities

_____ Chaperoning for trips (additional cost may apply)

_____ Providing transportation for students that have an emergency

Please return this form no later than Wednesday, Sept 14th.