



Welcome to Junior Chorus!

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2022 – 2023 school year! I am thrilled to be your student's Music Teacher this year! Below you will find details regarding our Google Classroom page, class format, rehearsal etiquette, concert dates, concert attire, and our grading policy.

Google Classroom

Every student in 6th and 7th Grade Chorus will need to be part of our Junior Chorus Google Classroom. The class code is: **ehwrb72**

It is extremely important that everyone signs up for our Google Classroom. The Google Classroom "stream" will be used for announcements, links, and any information you may need throughout the course of the year. Assignments, should we go remote again, will appear under the "classwork" tab.

Class Format/Rehearsals

Junior Chorus meets in the Chorus Room (Room 38).

In this class students will be learning basic musical concepts to lay the groundwork for their musical education in the future through a balance of activities in note reading, improvisation, composition, music listening, music history, as well as singing. With this said, students in 6th and 7th Grade Chorus will be forming one large Junior High Chorus that performs on our two annual concerts. Part of creating a well-rounded musician involves performing.

Required Materials: Students are expected to have their music, any handouts, and a pencil for every class.

Rehearsal/Class Etiquette & Behavior Points: It is imperative that we maximize our rehearsal time by being on task from the moment students walk in the classroom to the moment students are dismissed. Each student can earn up to 3 points for their etiquette and behavior each class period: One point for preparedness, one point for behavior and one point for trying their best. Points will be deducted for inattentiveness, disruption or misbehavior. Students are expected to remove any gum before entering the classroom and to leave any food/drink in their backpacks. Students will receive all three points for rehearsal etiquette each class if these rules are followed.

Mandatory Concert Dates

- * Winter Concert - Wednesday, December 21, 2022 ~ 6:30PM (6:10PM warm-up time)
(Winter Concert Snow Date- Thursday, December 22, 2022- 6:30PM)
- * Spring Concert – Thursday, May 18, 2023 ~ 6:30PM (6:10PM warm-up time)

All 7th Grade Chorus students are expected to be at these two concerts!

Please be aware that failure to attend either of the two concerts will result in a zero. Make-up assignments will only be given out for extenuating circumstances discussed with Mrs. Elia prior to the evening of the concert. Simply “forgetting” or “not wanting to attend” is not an excused absence or extenuating circumstance and will **not** result in a make-up assignment.

Recommended Concert Attire

The goal of our concert attire is to present a formal and professional ensemble appearance. No individual in the ensemble should stick out. Please choose dress clothes that reflect this goal and that adhere to our school dress code.

Option 1: Blouse **with sleeves**, black pants or **full-length** skirt, black stockings or socks, black dress shoes.

Option 2: Full-length dress, black stockings or socks, black dress shoes

Option 3: Dress shirt, black pants, tie, **black socks**, black **dress** shoes.

Assignments and Grading Policy

Grading Categories

Quarters 1 & 3 (*that do not have a concert*):

Rehearsal Preparedness and Etiquette	50%
Written/Listening Assignments	50%

Quarter 2 & 4 (*that DO have a concert*):

Rehearsal Preparedness and Etiquette	40%
Written/Listening Assignments	40%
Concert Performance/Behavior	20%

Please return the bottom half of this page by Friday, September 16, 2022 as it will act as a class contract. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at: melia@mcgrawschools.org

I look forward to working with all of you soon! It is going to be a wonderful year of music making, growth and collaboration!

Sincerely,

Madison C. Elia
6th-12th Vocal Music Teacher
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6th and 7th Grade Chorus Class Contract

Please fill out and return this page by Friday, September 16, 2022

I have read, understand and accept the above information about our Google Classroom page, class format, rehearsal etiquette, concert dates, and the grading policy outlined above for the 2022-2023 school year.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Email Address (for reminders/important info.): _____

Parent Phone Numbers: _____

Have you signed up for the Junior Chorus Google Classroom? (circle one) Yes! Absolutely!

(You're not allowed to turn this in until you do!)

