

Marysville Middle School Choirs



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PHILSOPHY AND GOALS: Singing is a skill. Skills need to be practiced to improve. Singers in the Marysville High School Choirs are also musicians. Singing, like most skills, becomes more fun when one's abilities increase. These four goals will help us achieve a well-rounded listener, performer, and composer.

1. Every choir member will work to increase individual music skills
2. Choir is a group effort – we will work to function as a group
3. We will strive to give exciting performances for both singer and listener
4. We will work to develop healthy vocal habits.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students need to be in class everyday, on time.
2. Students will take care of, and bring to class, daily materials
3. Students will master skills and concert music at the requested times, or seek additional help to attain these goals.
4. Students and parents will keep track of performances dates and come to all concert at the appropriate time, in the appropriate attire.
5. Students will enhance their listening skills through the use of listening maps, and other student-centered listening projects.
6. Students will enhance their musicianship skills through student-lead conducting, student input on musical decisions, and other projects that broaden and enhance musical independence.

PROGRESS/GRADES: Attendance, participation, concert performances, skill mastery, and daily work all contribute to the final grade. Choir members must demonstrate effort AND mastery of the music and skills to earn an A, which represents EXCELLENCE. If you are concerned about or interested in your child's specific progress, ask him/her to sing the concert material for you, or the skills we work on in class.

CONCERT ATTIRE

7/8 Grade BOYS: MMS Choirs Polo Shirt, Khaki pants, belt, socks, dress shoes (no athletic shoes).

7/8 Grade GIRLS: MMS Choir Polo Shirt, Khaki pants, socks/leggings, dress shoes (no athletic shoes or flip-flops)

**** Shirt orders will be sent home soon after the start of the semester.**

6th Grade Choir –: dress clothes; "Sunday Best." No jeans or tennis shoes.

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NOTE: Every performance is a direct reflection of the Marysville Choir Program. Please dress appropriately for each performance. **A grade reduction will occur for any student not wearing the appropriate concert attire.**

GRADING POLICY

DAILY REHEARSALS – 40%

Students have the opportunity to earn 4 points daily. Be ON TIME, bring a PENCIL and FOLDER, give your best EFFORT. Excused absences can be made up by completing 30 minutes of at-home practice. Unexcused absences may not be made up, and will result in zero rehearsal points.

Performances – 40%

While musical understanding is daily process, performances are a part of the learning process and only succeed when EVERYONE is present. The performance grade consists of the following: Concert etiquette and behavior, punctual arrival, necessary materials, display of adequate performance standards. Any student with any unexcused absences or multiple late arrivals to performances will have a Parent- Student-Teacher Conference to discuss their status in the organization. **It is the responsibility of the student to notify parent/guardians, coaches, and employers of the required scheduled choir performances.** Please note that warm-up time is 30 minutes prior to performances.



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR MISSING A PERFORMANCE:

1. A conflict with a school academic event and/or school athletic event in which the student cannot physically participate in both events. A missed performance due to a school related activity would require a make-up singing or written examination. **It is the responsibility of the student to see Mr. Martin in advance of a scheduled conflict.** Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence without an opportunity to make-up the missed performance. All make-up assignments must be made up prior to the end of the marking period. **Please call or email Mr. Martin IN ADVANCE of a scheduled conflict: 455-6133 or mmartin@marysvilleschools.us.**
2. A Conflict with a scheduled family event or emergency such as a wedding, funeral, out-of-town vacation, or student illness will be excused as long as the student completes the make-up assignment. The make-up assignment will be a solo performance examination. Proof of illness (doctor's slip) and/or proof of family event may be required at the discretion of the director.
3. The following conflicts are not excused absences and will result in a 20% grade deduction: Sports organizations that are not associated with the Marysville Schools (i.e. AAU Volleyball, Travel Hockey, Travel Soccer, etc..), and outside organizations such as dance groups, and theater companies. If in doubt, ASK MR. MARTIN. Unexcused absences cannot be made up!

Written Work/Singing Tests – 20%

Every marking period grade will include the testing of student's retention and understanding of the singing and skills we develop on a daily basis. There will be daily written work that all students will be expected to complete at the beginning of each class, and they will also participate in singing quizzes as a solo, duet, trio, or quartet.

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Fall 2016 Schedule

FALL 2016 MHS CHOIR CAIENDAR

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thurs. Sept. 22	Fundraising Kick-off	Choir room	
Thurs. Oct. 6th	Fundraising Orders Due	Choir Room	
Tuesday Nov. 1st	MMS FALL CONCERT	MHS Theater	7:30 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 24th	Fundraiser Delivery	Choir Room	
Mon. Nov 21st	Butter Braids Kick-off	Choir Room	
Wed. nov. 30th	Butter Braid Orders Due	Choir Room	
Thur. Dec. 16	Butter Braid Delivery	MMS	3:30 - 5:30
Thur. Jan 19th	MMS Winter Concert	MHS Theater	7:30 p.m.
Jan 21 st	END OF SEMESTER I		

**Shaded areas are REQUIRED events