

Syllabus for Choirs
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Room 143

Course Description:

Warrior Choir is designed for the advanced choral student to sing challenging vocal literature. Vocal production and mastery of choral techniques will be emphasized through individual learning in the classroom and on the concert stage. Vocal evaluations will occur periodically throughout each nine-week period. There are concerts that occur throughout the year and attendance is mandatory.

Topics Covered:

- musical literacy (acapella singing, chord leading advanced chordal structures)
- the history of music performed in the four concerts
- the impact of music on others
- the impact of music on self

E.F. Chorus allows students to continue the pedagogical and theoretical studies of Ninth Grade Chorus. There are concerts that occur throughout the year and attendance is mandatory. Vocal evaluations will occur periodically throughout the nine-week periods.

Topics covered:

- musical literacy (continued note reading, modulations, advances rhythms)
- the history of music performed in the four concerts
- the impact of music on others
- the impact of music on self

Ninth Grade Chorus provides an opportunity for the entering freshman to learn proper pedagogy and music theory through singing. There are concerts that occur throughout the year and attendance is mandatory. Vocal evaluations will occur periodically throughout the nine-week periods.

Topics Covered:

- musical literacy (note reading and identification, key signatures, time signatures)
 - the history of music performed in the four concerts
 - the impact of music on others
 - the impact of music on self.
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Classroom Procedures:

These are the rules and guidelines for choir and concerts for the 2016-2017 school term.

1. There will be daily “bell ringers” for you to record. During this year you will encounter both listening examples with written reflections. These will be part of your final grade.
2. In order to be excused, you must have a pass. I will only hand out a limited amount of Café passes. They will all be available PRIOR to the start of class. If the bell rings, I will not give passes to the café.
3. Tardiness is unacceptable in choir. Please be prompt or you will opt to be marked tardy.
4. There is a possibility of one dress rehearsal for the four concerts which we perform each year. You will be given advanced notice of this rehearsal should it occur two weeks prior to the date.
5. Your attendance at these rehearsals is essential. If there are extenuating circumstances that make your attendance an issue, please inform me the day before the rehearsal and also provide a written note for attendance purposes.
6. Call time for all concerts is 6:00 PM for E.F. and Choir Nine and 5:30 PM for Warrior Choir unless otherwise noted. Punctuality is necessary to prepare in the auditorium. Attendance at the concerts is mandatory. Concert dates are already posted. Please arrange your schedules accordingly.
7. Concert and Dress Rehearsal attendance is part of your grade. If you fail to attend and present no excuse within three days after the concert, you will forfeit your grade. A written paper and singing exam will be given to all excused absences. Excused absences include: personal hospitalization, expulsion from school, and a death in the immediate family.
8. You are expected to adhere to the PBIS Classroom Expectations:
 - a. Be Safe:
 - i. Listen to staff
 - ii. Maintain personal space
 - b. Respect Others:
 - i. Be on time
 - ii. Be polite
 - iii. Use appropriate language and tone
 - c. Accountable:
 - i. Be prepared
 - ii. Be honest
 - iii. Do your own work
 - iv. Use electronic devices only when permitted

- d. Victorious:
 - i. Do your best work
 - ii. Celebrate academic success
- e. Enthusiastic:
 - i. Have a positive attitude
 - ii. Take ownership of learning

Concert Attire:

Concert attire varies with the themes of the concerts. The recommended attire per concert is as follows:

- Veteran's Day concert: Red, White, or Blue shirt. NO JEANS.
- Senior Citizen's Breakfast & Holiday concert: Festive Holiday Sweaters. NO JEANS.
- Combined Concert: Flannels or country band t-shirts and jeans.
- Spring Concert: Light-colored shirt. NO JEANS.

**Warrior Choir will wear robes with black bottoms and shoes for all concerts excluding March.

FAQs about concerts:

Can I wear a dress to the concert?

- Please plan on wearing black pants for the fall semester, jeans with no holes for March, and pants or knee-length shorts for the May concert. Also, leave your high heels at home. Flats are great.

I do not own any of the suggested attire. What should I do?

- I would prefer you sing rather than not sing the concert. This issue will be addressed on an as needs basis. Please see me during my office hours or contact me on Remind.

I am part of a sports team that has a game on our concert night. What activity should I attend?

- The concert schedule has been made around the sports schedule this year to assure you will be in attendance at both activities. *Any sports teams that are not affiliated with EF are not excused absences.* If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact me.

I have no ride to the school for the concert. Is this excused?

- No. You have been given notification with ample time to find transportation back to the school. Mark your calendars now.
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Grading:

There will be short assignments each nine weeks on eBackpack. Singing exams will occur in a group of six (for Choir Nine) or four (EF Chorus and Warrior Choir).

50% = Concert & Dress Rehearsal Attendance

25% = Written work

25% = Singing Exams

Academic Integrity for The Fine Arts:

- Do authentic work
- Be honest with your work
- Cite referenced work

Assignment Submission Policy:

Assignments are due on the submission deadline. If you fail to submit your assignment on the due date, you will lose 10% per day for up to three days. Upon the fourth day, the grade will be forfeited.

In case of absenteeism, you will receive an equal amount of days you were absent to complete the work without penalty. (If you miss one day, you will have one day to complete the assignment after your return.)

2019-2020 Concert Dates:

Veterans Day Concert: Thursday, November 6, 2019

Holiday Concert: Tuesday, December 17, 2019

March Choir Camp: Thursday, February 14, 2020

March Concert: Tuesday, March 5, 2020

May Concert: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Contact Information:

Join me on Remind: Text @abmlalala to 81010

***This is my preferred method of communication. I will send out reminders and notifications throughout the year through Remind.*

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