

Middle School Choir Syllabus 2017-2018 (both 7th Grade Choir and 8th Grade Choir)

Resources:

- 1 Minute Theory
- Accent on Composers
- Ready to Read Music
- 60 Music Quizzes
- Theory Notebook
- MasterWorks Sight-Reading

Music for singing will be provided by the school and may not be taken home unless with permission. This music is to be returned to Mrs. Witty at the end of the year, and like any school book, students will be fined if music is lost or destroyed.

Classroom Requirements:

- 1 large bag individually wrapped **non-chocolate** candy
- 1 one-inch stiff back (not flimsy plastic) Black 3-ring binder with name labeled on interior left side
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 expo dry erase marker
- \$15 for choir t-shirt (to be paid in September)

Concert Dress:

December concert attire:

- boys: khakis/dress pants with a collared shirt and nice casual/dress shoes.*
- girls: khakis/dress pants with a nice shirt, skirt/dress (must not be shorter than 4 inches above the knee), nice shoes. All within CHS/CMS dress code.*

Spring concert attire:

- all students: choir shirt and jeans with clean, closed toes shoes*

Notes on Concert Dress

Any clothing worn should not reveal any undergarments; all tops must have sleeves that go over the shoulder; **all skirts/dresses must be at most 4 inches from the knee when standing. [The reason that this is stricter than the all-school rule is because students will be standing on high risers.]** If the proper attire is not worn, students will be unable to perform until the outfit is corrected and approved by the choir director, or the student risks lowering their grade by a letter.

Choir Performance Dates:

Nursing Home performance: TBD - TBD (during school)

Christmas Concert: Monday, Dec 4th 2017 @ 7:00pm, FZ South Auditorium

Music in the Parks Competition: TBD - Will email when scheduled

Spring Concert: Monday, April 30th 2018 @ 7pm - FZ East Auditorium

ALL STUDENTS ARE TO ARRIVE BY 6:00PM ON CONCERT NIGHTS

Grading:

20% - performances

20% - tests/quizzes

20% - homework (worksheets, permission slips signed, in class projects, etc.)

40% - participation (participation grades are based on 25 pts. per week; points are lost in increments of 5)

The end of semester finals are worth 10%.

Expectations: These expectations are founded on Christian principles in the Word of God.

C - Cooperative: Have a “team player” attitude; working together is essential in choir

H - Humble: Have an “others focused” approach; desiring others to come before self

O - Optimistic: Have a “positive thinking” perspective; believing the best of situations and people

I - Inspiring: Have an “uplifting impression” mindset; encouraging others to do good

R - Respectful: Have a “reverent conviction” demeanor; honoring all as image bearers of God

*Failure to adhere to these expectations will result in a deduction of participation points for that week and a demerit and/or a detention.

Expectations during a Performance:

**It is expected that every student attend each semester-end concert.*

**Total points a student can receive for a concert performance is 100.*

1. **BEING ON TIME:** Students will be told ahead of time when they are to arrive at a choir event. Students will lose 1 point each minute they are late.
2. **ATTIRE:** Students will be expected to arrive in clean, wrinkle-free and CHS appropriate Concert Attire for all concerts. (*see above for more info on Concert Attire.)
3. **BEHAVIOR TOWARD AUTHORITY:** Students are to respect and obey those who have been placed in authority over them. These may be older students and/or parents and teachers whom the choir director has put in charge in the choir room during a performance. Any disrespect, disobedience, or disruptive behavior will warrant a deduction of points based on the choir director's discretion.
4. **BEHAVIOR ON RISERS:** Students are instructed to look only at the director, sing, and keep hands to themselves. A student will be asked to step down if there is any talking on the risers, inappropriate laughter, physical unsafe conduct with another student, etc., and points will be deducted from their concert total.

Music in the Parks Competition:

For the second year, the two Middle School Choirs will perform at the Music in the Parks competition. I'm not sure of the date as of yet, but I will let you know as soon as that is figured out. It is a one-day festival on a Friday or Saturday in April or May in which the choir sings a few songs, enjoys a day at Six Flags St. Louis, and attends an award ceremony later in the day. The cost will be around \$30/student. I am excited for more opportunities to showcase our Middle School Choir!

Final Words:

Students, I am looking forward to this year/semester with you! I love music, and I cannot wait to show you how rewarding and exciting music can be for you too! But most of all, I look forward to helping you become closer to Christ because He is our ultimate goal in life. If we give our best in everything we do, we glorify Him and have joy in our lives! Please let me know if you need help learning vocal parts or in understanding a concept we are studying in class or anything of the like! I am here for you, and my door is always open to you!

Parents, I will let you know as soon as possible of any other dates/opportunities that may come up throughout the year that I do not have the knowledge, dates, or invitations for at this time. **Please know that if the student has prior obligations scheduled on these aforesaid dates, that it will be an excused absence *only if I am notified within 2 weeks of sending out the info on the new additional choir event.*** Please be checking email as that is the means through which updated choir information will come.

Check out the link below for information on the choirs, upcoming events, documents, and other important news! Please bookmark it for easy access!

chschoirlife.weebly.com

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this year. I look forward to teaching your student more about music and about their Saviour. I'm so thankful to be teaching at CHS!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. The quickest way is through email which I check daily - lwitty@lwcs.us - but also, the phone number here at school to leave me a message is 636-978-1680 x1139. Additionally, please let me know if I can be of any further assistance to you as we are a team in your child's educational experience and success!

In God's grace,

Mrs. Witty

Signature Page for Syllabus and Permission Slip Info

Return only this page back to me by August 18th.

Please fill out and ***return this page only*** to me confirming that you have read this syllabus and understand the requirements and procedures of the choir class. This signed form is due back Friday, August 18th for a homework grade.

Student's name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please Print Parent Name: _____

The information below is needed for the school whenever/if we are to perform outside of school. You will only have to fill this out once per year.

Student's Name: _____ *Age:* _____ *Grade:* _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ *Parent Work Phone:* _____

SS# (for hospitalization): _____

Medical Policies in effect: Yes _____ *No* _____ *Policy #* _____

Insurance group: _____

Medication Taken: _____

Dosage and How Often: _____

Any Allergies: _____

Parent Signature: _____