

MLHS Choir

Class Description

The MLHS Choir is open to high school students who wants to further study choral music. The class is made up of in class rehearsals, concerts, competitions and other outside performances. The ultimate goal of this ensemble is to prepare students to be lifelong musicians, not only for their own enjoyment, but also for service in the Church.

“The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.” - J.S. Bach

Class Procedures

- Be in the room getting out folders, music etc. by the time class begins.
- Check the board for any announcements as well as the order of the day's rehearsal.
- Rehearsal begins when class begins. You should be at your chair, ready to go by the time the bell rings.
- At the end of class, clean up your music and anything else you brought in with you.

Policies

- DO NOT play instruments that are not yours to play. This includes (but is not limited to) percussion, the piano, or any other instruments left around the room.
- Music and folders belong to MLHS. It is your responsibility to take care of music or pay for its replacement. Choral music is not cheap. A single copy generally costs at LEAST \$1, when available. Marking in pen or highlighter on an original copy may result in you having to purchase a replacement.
- No food or drink of any sort, except water bottles, is permitted at any time.
- It is permissible to use a smartphone or similar device (iPod, tablet etc.) as a tuner or metronome if they have these functions. However, if I deem that its use is either a distraction or outside the scope of band class, I will confiscate it. Any other electronic devices are not to be used (or heard) during this time.

Consequences

1st offense: Verbal Warning

2nd offense: Deduction in Behavior grade

Further offenses will result in additional deductions as well as referral to school disciplinary procedures.

Required Materials

Instrument, Band Folder, Music, PENCIL

Grading Scale and Weights

Behavior / Attitude / Materials / in class Sectional work – 30%

Performance/Participation – 50%

Excused Absences = Parent/Guardian note/email 4 weeks in advance

= Phone call of emergency sickness/family issue

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Project – 20%

Extra Credit Opportunities:

Points can be earned for:

- * Concert/musical attendance outside of school event (turn in program).
- * Participation in church vocal ensemble (choir, solos, etc. - Turn in bulletin)
- * Private vocal lessons.
- * Participation in Solo/Small Ensemble contest.

Performance Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert @ Fairmont Opera House

Thursday, Mar. 14 - Solo & Small Ensemble Contest @ MSU

Tuesday, Mar 26 - Sacred Concert

Saturday, May 18 - Pops Concert

Other performances such as Church Services, Chapel performances and other functions may be added as the year goes. Notice will be given well in advance of any added performances. Penalties for absences of added performances will be given consideration based on how far in advance notice is given.

Performances of all kinds (concerts, church, chapel, etc.) are part a vital part of the coursework. **All performances are mandatory.** Absence to any one performance will result in your grade being lowered by 1 letter grade. Exceptions are made for family emergencies and sudden illnesses. Absences may be pre-arranged a MINIMUM of FOUR WEEKS in advance of these listed dates. Extra work may be assigned to account for the missed coursework (performance). Arrangements for extra work will be made in advance for pre-excused absences.

Concert Attire

Robes will be provided for concert performances.

Gentlemen: (under robes) Black pants, Black dress shoes with black socks. You must have an undershirt on. It must be a full shirt (T-shirt or V-neck, no tank tops)

Ladies: (under robes) Black pants, black socks and black shoes. You must have a shirt on underneath. It must be a full T-shirt (no camis, tank tops, tube tops etc.)

Church Service and Other Performance Attire

Attire for these events will be discussed prior to the event. Generally gentlemen will be expected to wear shirt and tie (suit coat optional) and ladies will be expected to wear a nice dress or other appropriate church wear. Depending on the service, we may wear our robes, in which case you will be responsible for bringing your own robe and returning it to school.

Improper performance attire will result in deduction from the performance portion of your grade. Any questions regarding attire should be asked well in advance of performances to allow time for you to buy other attire (if necessary).