**Whitehall H.S. Choirs Syllabus**

2019-2020

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**Materials (Need by Friday, September 6)**

* The textbook *Essential Musicianship: A Comprehensive Choral Method, Book Two* ***(Student Version)*** - you can buy a copy on JWPepper.com it’s $13 plus $3 shipping (here’s the link: [tinyurl.com/ycwgdqgo](http://tinyurl.com/ycwgdqgo))
* 3 ring ***black*** binder (1” – 1 1/2”)
* 3 divider tabs
* Pencils

**Concert Uniform**

Concert Choir

All – solid white shirt (no text), black dress pants (no leggings, jeans, athletic pants, or skirts), black dress shoes (no sneakers or tennis/athletic shoes; *ladies – closed toe and not more than 1” heel*), solid black socks or black nylon socks

* Robes will be provided.

Chamber Ensemble

Boys – black tuxedo jacket, white dress shirt, black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks. Red vests/ties are provided.

Girls – black nylons, black *closed toe* shoes (no more than 1” heel). Black dresses are provided.

**Required Events**

* Mon, Nov 4 @ 6:00pm – Pre (musical theater) Solo and Ensemble recital in HS Choir Room
* Sat, Nov 16 @ 6:30pm – Tree Lighting Ceremony (Chamber Choir)
* Sun, Dec 15 @ 4:00pm (call time 3:30) - Winter Concert @ WHS Auditorium
* Mon, Dec 16 @ TBD – Caroling at School Board Meeting
* Thurs, Dec 19 @ TBD – Caroling around schools and Russ’s for Retirement Group
* Mon, Feb 3 @ 6:00pm – Pre Solo and Ensemble recital in HS Choir Room
* Fri, Feb 7 @ 6:00pm – Valentine’s Day Dance Fundraiser
* **Sat, Feb 8 (TBA) – Solo and Ensemble @ Reeths-Puffer High School**
* Sun, March 8 @ 4:00pm (call time 3:30) - Pre-Festival Concert @ WHS Auditorium
* **Wed – Fri, March 11-13 (TBA) – Choir Festival @ Grand Haven High School**
* Mon, April 20 @ 6:00pm – Pre Solo and Ensemble Recital in HS Choir Room
* **Fri – Sat, April 24-25 (TBA) – Solo and Ensemble (State) @ Big Rapids High School**
* **Fri, Mon, Tues – May 1, 4, 5 (TBA) – Choir Festival (State) @ Hope College**
* Sun, May 17 @ 3:00pm (call time 2:30) - Pops Concert @ WHS Auditorium
* Thurs, May 21 @ 6:30pm – Graduation
* Fri, May 29 – Proposed Cedar Point Trip

**Grading**

Daily Participation – 50% of total grade

Students may earn up to 3 points daily. The points are based on the students’ ability to successfully meet expectations (*a-f*) as listed below. If no marks are made on students’ point sheet, the student earned 3 points each day. Mrs. Coleman will *only mark* days that were less than 3 points and will cite which expectation was not met.

Students are expected to follow the choir room expectations:

a. Participate and contribute to the choir in a positive way.

b. Be engaged and ready to learn.

c. Maintain a positive attitude.

d. Be ready to go, in their seats *before the bell rings.*

e. Bring all related materials to class (folder, book, pencil).

f. Place cell phone in folder slot in the choir room during class.

Projects/Quizzes/Assignments – 25% of total grade

Students will complete a weekly “Listening Log”. Quizzes and other assignments will be given at the discretion of Mrs. Coleman.

Performances/Events – 25% of total grade

Students will receive a grade for attending each required event. If absent from a required event, students can make up their points by meeting with Mrs. Coleman outside of choir class ***within one week of the missed event*** to perform their songs for her. Students are responsible for talking to Mrs. Coleman to set up an appointment. Failure to do so will result in a zero for the event grade.

**Bathroom Policy**

Students are expected to use the restroom in between classes, however, if it is an emergency Mrs. Coleman will allow students to use the bathroom. Only 1 person may be in the bathroom at a time. Students must show the bathroom signal to Mrs. Coleman *and receive approval*, then take the hall pass lanyard and click on the ‘bathroom light’ located near the door when exiting. The pass and light should be turned back off upon returning. Mrs. Coleman reserves the right to revoke this privilege if she feels it is being abused.

**Cell Phone Policy**

If students carry his/her cell phone on them, the phone should be placed in their choir folder slot during class time to prevent distractions. Deviance of this rule will result in a zero in daily points.

**Stay in the Loop**

To receive text reminders for performances and other events, sign up for the app “Remind”

* Text your child’s class code below to the number 81010 (if you already use the remind app, simply add your child’s class code below)
  + - code for concert choir: @fd3ec7a
    - code for chamber ensemble: @74c7ff

**Volunteers**

In order for the choir organization to run smoothly, we count on the help and participation of our parents. Parents should plan on volunteering for at least one choir event. Please fill out the volunteer form (here is the link: [**https://forms.gle/J2GQXZ7gF17837UQ7**](https://forms.gle/J2GQXZ7gF17837UQ7)). Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

**Checklist**

Please check each completed item and return to Mrs. Coleman by **Friday, September 6th.** (5 points)

\_\_\_ I read the syllabus and reviewed it with my student. We both understand the level of responsibility that is expected within the choir.

\_\_\_ I understand required events are graded & understand the policy for missing them.

\_\_\_ My child has all their class materials (or I have a plan to get them by Friday, September 6).

\_\_\_ I have a plan to get all concert uniform items by November 1st (no performance on this date).

\_\_\_ I put all the required events on my calendar.

\_\_\_ I will try to keep the possible dates for both festivals as clear as possible until they are scheduled.

\_\_\_ I joined my child’s choir class on “Remind”.

\_\_\_ I filled out the online form and volunteered to help at at least one choir event.

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