

# Central Middle School Choir Handbook

## Expectations:

1. **Be Ready!** Your job for this class is to try your best and to learn the skills it takes to sing in a choir.
2. **Be respectful** of all people in class as this is a team activity. We work together to produce the best sound.
3. **Be Understanding!** You may not like to sing a certain song and I understand that. However, music is picked to help you develop your skills.
4. **Be Safe!** No Gum- This is for your safety as I have had students choke on it in class.
5. **Be Hydrated!** Water is the only approved beverage to have in class!
6. **Be Positive** -We will only be as good as all of the parts working together. Tearing each other down will cause the opposite of what we want.

**Concerts: They are mandatory. Concerts are the test choir students have. This is a performance class and concerts are outside of the school day. If this is an issue, please let Mr. Tolle know so your son/daughter can have an alternative assignment if concert is missed.**

**Concert Dates: ALL CONCERTS WILL START AT 6:30 p.m. Students should arrive and be seated by 6:15 p.m.**

1. Fall Concert- Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018- CMS Auditorium
2. Holiday Concert- Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018- CMS Auditorium
3. Pops Concert- Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019- CMS Auditorium
4. Spring Concert- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019- CMS Auditorium

**Dress Code:** The dress code for our concerts is to dress up and look our best.

**Girls:** could wear dresses, a skirt with a nice top, dress pants, or other items. Please no blue jeans or t-shirts.

**Guys:** Dress pant; button up shirt, polo shirt, or other items that make you look nice.

**Exception: Halloween costumes may be worn for our fall concert. Costumes that have mask must have an opening where your voice can still come out to be heard. Please only school appropriate costumes; no costumes with weapons should be worn.**

**Grading:** Grading is based on 2 areas.

1. **Assessment Practice-** 70% of grade- Showing actual music skills during class period, which include tempo, dynamics, solfege, intonation, and includes worksheets, concerts, or voice test.
2. **Employability Skills-** 30% of grade- Behavior, Respect to other students and teacher, having necessary items for class. All things that would be required of someone in a job setting.

**Website: All information, calendar, and assignments will be posted on the Middle School website: [www.muskiechoir.com](http://www.muskiechoir.com)**

**Remind:** This is a text message service that I will use to send out reminders and information regarding anything choir. To sign up for this please follow these directions.

- 1. Text this number: 81010**
- 2. In Message Area put: @muskiech**
- 3. You should then receive confirmation that you are set up to receive messages. If you have any problems, please contact me.**

### **Extracurricular Groups:**

**Show Choir-** Show Choir is open to students grade 6-8. Show Choir practices this year will be one morning practice a week at 7:40 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.- Please make sure your son/daughter has breakfast before they come as they lose out on practice time if they have to go eat. If they must eat at school, we may have to address other ways for them to make up the practice time. There will also be one after school practice a week from 3:30-4:30 p.m. I know there will be conflicts with sports and I will do my best to work around the sports schedule but if this also becomes an issue we may have to address how that will work.

**Show Choir Auditions will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> after school from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Students interested in auditioning should learn My Country Tis of Thee and practice it. Music will be available to use during the audition. You will also learn a short dance break at the audition.**

**A cappella:** A cappella is a contemporary group that sings music similar to Pentatonix and other a cappella groups. Auditions will be held in October. More details on this group will follow. **Practices will be one morning and one afternoon a week. After school practices will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Auditions will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Auditions will consist of singing My Country Tis of Thee, ear interval recognition, and a scale to determine range.**

**If you have any questions/Concerns regarding this, please let me know at your earliest convenience.**

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