



MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MEMORIAL MS CHORUS PROGRAM 2023-2024

♪ CONFIDENCE ♪ COMMUNITY ♪ CREATIVITY ♪ CRITICAL THINKING ♪ EXPRESSION ♪
♪ INDEPENDENCE ♪ PROBLEM SOLVING ♪ SELF-DISCIPLINE ♪ TEAMWORK ♪

Required Materials

1. Pencils

Sheet music and music books always need to be marked/notated. Large erasers are also useful!

2. Black Binder (provided)

The school will provide a binder to each student which should always stay in the auditorium. This is where we will store our sheet music and other materials. Keep this organized!

3. Chromebook

We will use this on occasion to strengthen our note-reading skills, to listen to and analyze vocal music, and explore music technology.

Singing at Home

Consistent practice is necessary to develop the skills required to find one's singing voice. Students should set aside at least **an hour per week** to practice their singing. Ideally, this singing would take place on non-chorus days to ensure that students are singing each day between class and home. This practice can range from doing some of our daily vocal warm-ups to singing the songs we are learning for our concerts. **Practice tracks of our concert music will be posted on Google Classroom and should be used as a practice tool.** On occasion, students will be responsible for using their Chromebook to create audio recordings of their singing. These 'practice assignments' will be announced in advance and will be submitted to Google Classroom.

Grading

Most of a student's grade in chorus class will be daily participation. **Each class, students will earn up to FIVE points for attending with all their materials (organized), giving their best effort, and working cooperatively with the class.** All students are expected to sing to the best of their ability. If I cannot hear a student singing, I cannot grade them!

Google Classroom will be used for creating, sharing, and submitting assignments but no grades will be posted there. **Students and parents should visit Aspen to view the most up-to-date grades for chorus.** If you need assistance logging in to Aspen, please contact the middle school main office.

Performances/Concerts

Chorus students are required to perform at our chorus concerts throughout the school year. Aside from the occasional quiz in class, **performances are our form of assessment.** A letter will be sent home about a month prior to each performance providing all the necessary details. In the case of a prior conflict or emergency where a student cannot attend, a parent or guardian should send their child in with a signed note or contact me directly as soon as possible. Students who do not attend a performance must also complete a makeup assessment. Unless otherwise noted, all students must wear the formal concert attire below. If any family needs help acquiring any of these items, please contact me! We perform our best when we look and feel our best, and our students deserve to look as good as they sound!

Formal Concert Attire – WHITE on top & BLACK on bottom OR ALL WHITE or ALL BLACK

Ladies:	Pants or fingertip-length or longer skirt/dress; blouse; tights, nylons, or socks; shoes
Gentlemen:	Black dress pants (i.e., Dockers); white button-down shirt; necktie; black socks; black shoes

Important Dates: Please mark your calendars!!

Memorial MS Winter Concert 2023

Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 6:30PM

Memorial Middle School Auditorium

Memorial MS Spring Concert 2024

Thursday, May 30, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Memorial Middle School Auditorium

If you have any questions at any time, please contact me and I will reply at my earliest convenience. I greatly look forward to continuing to get to know and working with all our chorus students and families this year!!

Sincerely,

Andrew St. George

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