**Intermediate/Proficient/Advanced Vocal Music**

Welcome! Here is everything you need to know to succeed in Ms. Puhala’s chorus class.

Class website: <http://blackhawkchorus.weebly.com>

**Materials**

-*Pencil*

-Laptop

-Notebook Paper

-Water to stay hydrated

\*Each student will be provided with sheet music and a folder by Ms. Puhala. Part of your rehearsal grade in this class is affected by whether you take care of your music and turn it all back in after a performance. Please be respectful of school property.

**Objectives**

By the end of the semester, you will be able to:

-Hear, read, write, and sing simple and complex melodies and rhythms.

-Produce a healthy vocal tone.

-Sing diverse musical repertoire with expression and artistry.

**Attendance**

-See Ms. Puhala after any absence to see what you missed while you were gone. It is your responsibility to schedule make-up quizzes and to complete your make-up work. If you don’t get your work after an absence, you will receive a zero for everything you missed.

-ATTENDANCE AT CONCERTS IS MANDATORY. If you are at school the day of (or the Friday before) the concert, you must attend the concert. Failure to do so will result in the lowering of your grade by **2 letter grades**--NO EXCEPTIONS. Plan rides and back-up rides ahead of time--not having a ride is not an acceptable excuse. Ask off of work far in advance.

-If you have a conflict that was scheduled before one of our concerts is announced, a request to be excused must be submitted in writing 2 weeks prior to the performance date. If your request is accepted, you will write a 3-5 page paper instead of performing. If the request is denied, your grade will be lowered by 2 letter grades.

-There will be a few after-school rehearsals in the weeks leading up to performances in order to get our music together with accompanists, other ensembles, etc. These rehearsals will be short, but they are a requirement for participation in the class.

**Important Dates**--An asterisk (\*) indicates that it is required for all students.

Mars Hill Chorus: February 5-6

\*\*Spring Concert: March 6, 5pm (tentative)

\*\*MPA Festival: TBA (Sometime between March 7th and 10th.)

\*\*Arts Night Out: TBA (April)

Atlanta trip: April 8-9 (information about this trip is posted on the weebly)

All State Chorus: April 29-30

\*\*Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsals: May 2, 3, and 4, 6-8pm

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You can find the class calendar here: http://blackhawkchorus.weebly.com/calendar.html

**Performance Attire**

-Ladies: Formal black dress ordered through the school for $30, formal black closed-toe shoes.

-Men: Tux ordered through the school. If you order the tux with the shirt and pants, the price is $60. If you supply your own white button-down shirt and black formal pants, the price is $30. You must supply your own formal black shoes and black socks.

-Dinner Theater: Each student will purchase a t-shirt that will cost approximately $10.

**Expectations**

-Respect the classroom: No food or drink other than water. Clean up after yourself. Ask permission to play the piano. No aerosols (perfume, etc.).

-Respect the teacher: Follow all instructions promptly and completely.

-Respect your classmates: Wait your turn to speak. Keep your hands to yourself. Use your inside voice. Keep personal drama out of the classroom.

-Respect yourself: Be attentive in class. Turn your cell phone off and put it away. Give 100% every day.

**Consequences**

-1st offense: 10 points off weekly rehearsal grade.

-2nd offense: 20 points off weekly rehearsal grade and appropriate punishment (e.g. phone taken away).

-3rd offense: 50 points off weekly rehearsal grade and phone call home.

-4th offense: Stay after school 30 minutes. Student will complete an action plan.

-5th offense: Administrative intervention.

**Grading**

20% Weekly Rehearsal, 20% Classwork, 20% Quizzes, 15% Tests/Projects, 25% Performances

Please complete and return the attached forms. Let’s make it a great semester!

**Syllabus:**

I have read and understand the above information.

Student name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Video and Audio Recording:**

During class, it is sometimes necessary to make video and audio recordings of class rehearsals and performances for evaluation purposes. Please sign below indicating your consent for your student to be recorded in this class.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Internet Posting:**

Our class website allows community members to see what students are accomplishing in chorus class. Pictures may be taken of choir members throughout the semester and posted online to illustrate the activities that are taking place for our students. Parental permission is necessary to post pictures of students online--please sign below indicating permission for your student to be included in online postings.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Volunteer Form

Throughout the semester, there will be occasions where I will need help from parents in order to complete some of the work in this department. If you are willing and able to help, please return this form--we would love to have you playing an active role in our department!

Student name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Where would you like to help? (check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_ Field trip planning

\_\_\_\_ Field trip chaperoning

\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

\_\_\_\_ At our concert (collecting donations, ushering, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ I can help anywhere--just let me know where you need me!

Thank you!!