

# Apprentice Choir

2023-2024

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## Objectives

- ♪ To learn about and develop the voice as a musical instrument.
- ♪ To learn the elements and function of the vocal mechanism, and how to care for the voice.
- ♪ To develop singing skills, rhythm skills and music reading skills necessary to perform artistically.
- ♪ To learn how to follow a musical score and to develop knowledge of the composer's use of musical elements, form and style.
- ♪ Be exposed to a variety of quality musical repertoire.
- ♪ To develop self-discipline and responsibility as a musician in a musical ensemble.

## Goals

- ♪ Students will be encouraged to actively participate in the production of musical works.
- ♪ Students will be encouraged to practice the singing and musical skills necessary to improve their skills and musicianship.
- ♪ Students will be expected to perform or demonstrate their knowledge and evaluate the results of their efforts.
- ♪ Students will be expected to demonstrate a disciplined and professional approach daily, whether it is in rehearsal or performance.
- ♪ Mrs. Johnson will provide a positive musical experience for students that is centered on choral singing and developing the students' musical skills while encouraging musical enjoyment and personal growth.

## Expectations

- ♪ Students will be expected to follow Preston Middle School classroom expectations.
- ♪ Students will have their own pencil daily.
- ♪ No gum or food is allowed in the choir room.
- ♪ Students will demonstrate positive support of their own and other's efforts in class.
- ♪ Attendance at all scheduled concerts is required. Performing is an essential part of the curriculum. **Attendance is a vital part of every musical ensemble. Concert attendance and participation is graded. Mrs. Johnson should be contacted well ahead of time if a student is unable to attend.** Absences must be excused previous to the day of the concert and students will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge by singing the concert repertoire at a scheduled time outside of class. No make ups or retakes are allowed if the absence was not excused previous to the concert. In the case of an emergency, please speak with Mrs. Johnson as soon as possible. Please refer to the contact information at the beginning of the choir handbook.
- ♪ Demonstrate, by a positive attitude and by disciplined behavior that the choir's excellence is of importance.

## **Concert Etiquette**

- ♪ Absolutely NO gum chewing.
- ♪ Make every effort to arrive to performances at the specified call times.
- ♪ Please resist the urge to douse yourself with cologne and perfume. It is very overpowering when we are all in close quarters. Deodorant, however, is highly encouraged.
- ♪ Perform and conduct yourself as a professional musician. This commitment involves a significant amount of self-discipline and persistence.

## **Materials**

Music Notebook (with a pocket)- for note-taking, quizzes, and portfolio item storage  
Pencil. ~Music scores and other materials provided are to be treated with the same respect and responsibility that all text books are treated. Music is very expensive to replace.

## **Choir Website**

Please see the Preston Choral Music website at [www.prestonchoirsmusicaltheatre.weebly.com](http://www.prestonchoirsmusicaltheatre.weebly.com) for updated information.

## **Performance Attire (Choir Attire)**

- ♪ Concert Dress is Required
- ♪ Purple Preston Music T-Shirt that can be purchased online at School Pay or in the front office. Please see Ms. Johnson if you have concerns.
- ♪ Black Dress Pants, Black Socks, and Black Dress Shoes (low heels and no sandals) and black nylons or socks. No other outer shirt should show above or below the purple choir shirt. Socks must be worn.



## **Preston Middle School Apprentice Choir Concert and Event Calendar**

### **Performance Dates/Activity Calendar 2023-2024**

- ♪ December 4, Monday      All Choirs Concert @ 7:30 pm – gymnasium
- ♪ February 29, Thurs      All Choirs Concert @ 7:30 pm – gymnasium
- ♪ May 9, Thurs      Beginning Orchestra/Apprentice Choir @ 7:30 pm –  
gymnasium
- ♪ Save the date for Nov. 9 Veteran's Day Celebration. Apprentice Choir Stair Sing before school

Please Note: All performances are subject to change. Every effort will be made to communicate changes in a timely fashion.