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Jamestown Middle School Choral Handbook 2019 - 2020

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Concert Dates:

Winter - December 17, 2019

Spring - May 19, 2020

This handbook contains information concerning policies, procedures, expectations, activities and all the events surrounding this school year. This music program is performance-based and all music students will be expected to participate in all concerts and rehearsals.

Please read this handbook in its entirety and keep it for further reference. **Please sign forms at the end to ensure that the information was received at home!** As the year goes on, more detailed information on specific events will be sent home or put on the website.

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Objectives

- To provide a comprehensive music literacy (rhythm and tonal) skills
- To understand and create healthy vocal productions using various techniques
- To develop excellent ensemble musicianship skills.
- To understand cultural and global context, interdisciplinary, and 21st century connections with music
- To enrich a love of choral music that will last a lifetime

Ensembles

6th Grade Choir | 7th Grade Choir | 8th Grade Choir | Tiger Tones (audition)

Choir students will perform appropriate literature to further develop their maturing voices, musicality and proficiency in music literacy (rhythm and tonal) skills. Students will perform at concerts throughout the year and have the opportunity to participate in other events such as music festivals, All County Chorus, and Honors Chorus.

Classroom Procedures and Expectations

Students must have their binder at the beginning of each rehearsal and will put their folder back into their assigned spot at the end of each rehearsal.

- Be on time - (if you're on time, you're late) and in your seat before the late bell
- Be prepared - have all your materials and a positive attitude
- Be respectful - respect your peers, classroom, and the teacher
- No food, candy, drink (except water), or **GUM** - a safety hazard

Discipline Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Talk during or after class
3. Call home
4. Administration involvement and conference

Required Classroom Materials **Due by August, 30**

- Pencil
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- 1 inch binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Dividers (one set of five)

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Grading Policy

- Classwork (50%)
 - Daily active participation, folder check, score study, and assignments
- Concerts/ tests and quizzes (40%)
 - Concerts are a requirement of the class and count as a test grade
- Homework (10%)

Concert Policy

All chorus students are required to perform in 2 concerts a year, including one in December and one in May. In addition to performing, all students must wear the appropriate concert attire as described – chorus polo shirt (or solid royal blue polo shirt) tucked into black dress pants w/black shoes. Students not adhering to the chorus dress code will not be permitted to perform. **Failure to participate in a concert results in a zero for a test grade.** Concerts missed due to a family emergency or serious illness may be made-up.

Concert Attire

All students are expected to wear our formal concert attire in all performances to maintain a professional appearance. No child will be turned away from singing in choir because of inability to purchase an outfit. If you need assistance, please contact me.

- Singers wear short sleeved royal blue polo shirt. **Order form is attached.**
- ALL singers wear solid BLACK pants.
- ALL singers wear BLACK shoes.

If you are a returning chorus student, please double check to make sure that your polo is in good condition with no holes or tears and that it still fits. If you are planning to order a new polo, please donate the previous polo to the program.

Contact Information

Each student with access to a cell phone should sign up for Remind. Parents are also encouraged to sign up. Remind is an app that offers teachers a safe and simple way to instantly text students and parents. Remind will be used to send reminders about assignments, homework, and concerts. **To sign up - text @jamestown0 to 81010**

PLEASE CONTACT MR. MYIN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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Events are subject to change, and will be notified with information regarding such alterations.

Date & Time	Event	Location	Ensemble
September 26, 2019	NC Honors Chorus Auditions	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Greensboro, NC)	Invite Only
December 17, 2019 PM	Winter Concert	JMS Multipurpose Room	ALL
February 7-8, 2020	Wingate Univ. Middle School Choral Festival	Wingate University (Wingate, NC)	Invite Only
February 27-28, 2020	GCS Middle School All-County	TBD	Invite Only
March 30-31, 2020 (Only One Day)	NC Music Performance Adjudication (MPA)	First Baptist Church (Greensboro, NC)	TBD
May 1, 2020	Carowinds Festival of Music	Carowinds Amusement Park	Invite Only
May 19, 2020 PM	Spring Concert	JMS Multipurpose Room	ALL
June, 2020 (Dates are TBD)	8th Grade Graduation Ceremony	JMS Multipurpose Room	8th Grade

Special events are available to outstanding vocalists from our choirs. These include All State Chorus, All County Chorus, Honors Chorus and Tiger Tones (auditioned advance choral ensemble). All special opportunities require an audition. Considerations for participation in these activities include vocal ability, attitude and behavior, as well as the ability to attend extra rehearsals after school. **After School rehearsals end at 4:15PM.**

Students who are unable to attend an event must notify Mr. Myin well in advance.