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6TH GRADE CHOIR HANDBOOK

WHEATON CHRISTIAN GRAMMAR
SCHOOL

2021-2022

DELENA OLLILA, CHOIR DIRECTOR



6th Grade Choir

August 19, 2021

Dear Choir Members and Parents,

Welcome to 6th Grade Choir! In this handbook you will find the policies and procedures applicable to the WCGS choral program and other information concerning this school year's activities and performances. A huge "thank you" to Mr. Wright for creating most of our choral program guidelines.

Sixth grade choir fulfills the music elective requirement for the WCGS junior high academic curriculum and meets throughout the entire school year. Our choir will rehearse together during 8th period two times a week on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please thoroughly read this handbook as both the student and their parent must sign the "6th Grade Choir Commitment Form" at the end of this document by Monday, August 30th. Turning in a signed commitment form will count for the first choir grade this semester. Please do your best to turn it in by the August 30th!

I am really looking forward to working with each one of you this year!

Kindest regards,

Mrs. Delena Ollila, Choir Director



Goals and Objectives

The main goal of the 6th Grade Choir is to glorify God through song! We will learn to sing skillfully to Him as an act of worship. We will also learn proper vocal technique, a variety of musical styles, ear training, musical expression, and performance decorum. It is our desire that every choir member learns the joy of singing with energy, skill, and enthusiasm!

Daily Rules and Procedures

1. Be encouraging and respectful to everyone.
2. Students should be in their seat by 2:43 p.m.
3. Choir members should have the following at every rehearsal:
 - Music
 - Pencil
 - Well-fitting mask
4. Each student will be assigned a choir binder. Please take care of your binder and store it in the choral cabinet.
5. Good posture is of great importance at all times.
6. Water bottles are allowed and encouraged in rehearsal.
7. Concert and rehearsal attendance and participation is mandatory. A student is required to be at rehearsal if they are in attendance for the regular school day.

Assessment

Grades are based on class participation, concert performance, assigned at-home listening, and the students' individual progress. This is the percentage break down of the students' choir grades:

- 70% - Singing and participation in rehearsals
- 15% - At-home listening
- 15% - Singing in concerts (when applicable)



Attendance

All students who are in regular attendance for the school day will be expected to attend choir rehearsal. A student is not allowed to skip choir to do homework or make up a test or quiz. If a student is absent from school, it is the student's responsibility to determine what material was covered in his/her absence and to make up anything that was learned that day.

Rehearsal Schedule

6th Grade Choir rehearses twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays during 8th period. Be on time. Rehearsals are mandatory and may not be missed for any reason other than absence from school. If you know you will be out of school on a particular day, please see Mrs. Ollila ahead of time to cover what you will miss.

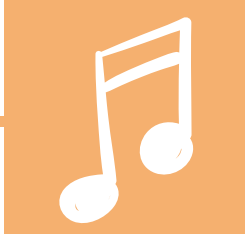
Concert Uniforms

- Concert Black
- Black Dress shoes
- More specific details to come

Our uniforms will be mandatory of all music ensemble students and will be worn for all performances.

ILMEA District 9 Music Festival

This is a district-wide (most of DuPage county) honors ensemble for which all 6th-8th grade band, choir, and orchestra, students have the opportunity to audition. You must register to audition through Mrs. Ollila. The deadline for registration is mid-September. Auditions for this music festival will be virtual this year, but at the moment the music festival is scheduled to take place at Plainfield East High School on Saturday, November 6, 2021. I will keep you updated if this changes. Let me know if you are interested in participating and I will make sure you receive audition music when it becomes available. More details to come about this exciting opportunity!



IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest

Solo and ensemble contest will be coming up in February. Now is a good time to begin thinking about your involvement in this contest. Information will be sent home when it is available.

Important Dates

The concerts listed below are mandatory and may not be missed for any reason other than illness or a death in the family. Concerts are to be viewed as a final exam. **Failure to attend concerts will cause a one-letter drop in the student's quarter grade.** All Concerts are to be held in the WCGS Commons unless noted otherwise.

Christmas Choral Concert..... 7:00 p.m., December 14, 2021
Junior High Pops Concert (TBD) 7:00 p.m., Thursday May 10, 2022
Music Ministry Performance (TBD)

In addition to the above concerts, students may choose to be involved in the following events:

ILMEA Registration Deadline..... September 17, 2021
ILMEA Music Festival Auditions.....October 8, 2021
ILMEA Music Festival.....November 6, 2021
IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest.....February 26, 2022
Junior High Musical Auditions.....January 13-15, 2022
Junior High Musical.....April 28-30, 2022



6th Grade Choir Commitment Form

I have read the 6th Grade Choir Handbook and I accept the commitment of this class. I understand the expectations of becoming a member of the 6th Grade Choir, and I realize that I am making a one-year commitment for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Please detach this form, sign and return to Mrs. Ollila by Monday, August 30, 2021.