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Dear Choir Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Centerville Choirs! We are so excited to be teaching at Centerville High School and to be a part of this wonderful school district. We have so much planned for the coming year and look forward to making it a success. The choirs are made up of students with the desire and ability to sing quality music. These students should also be willing to do the work necessary to improve not only their musicianship skills (vocal technique, sight-reading, music theory and history), but also their ability to work with a variety of people, be leaders in the school and community, and improve their self-confidence. We look forward to working with the students to have a productive and enjoyable year!

We have prepared this handbook for your information. The concerts and special events that are an outgrowth of our classroom activities play an important role in developing musicianship and maturity. In an effort to enhance communication, we will maintain a web page with forms and school handouts at <http://www.centervillechoirs.org>. We will keep parents and students up to date this year through Email and Remind. Information on how you should sign up for Remind will be sent home on the very first day of school. All parents should also be on the lookout for this information.

Take special note of the choir schedule – you are responsible for all of those dates. We are looking forward to an amazing school year!!!

Please read the handbook carefully and **fill out the google form:**

<https://forms.gle/qc9w7HheFjLPmtZH9>

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Ten things that require ZERO TALENT

Being on time
Work ethic
Effort
Body Language
Energy
Attitude
Passion
Being Coachable
Doing Extra
Being Prepared

DAILY WORK AND ATTENDANCE

**It is better to aim for 'excellence' and hit 'good'
than to aim for 'good' and hit 'average'**

Participation Grade

Each student is awarded a participation grade each day for work in class. The factors considered in the awarding of participation grades are:

- Work habits (including posture & technique)
- Quality of classroom work (accuracy, musicality, preparedness)
- Rehearsal habits and attentiveness in class
- Attitude exhibited in class (attentiveness, responsiveness, energy, enthusiasm)
- Completion of classroom and homework assignments
- Cooperation with teachers and peers
- Classroom behavioral choices
- Proper materials (pencil, paper, folder, and music)
- Classroom notebook
- Promptness to class
- Keeping phones put away during rehearsal
- Not chewing gum

Illness

What to do if illness keeps you from participating in daily work:

- Notify the Director on the way into class by signing the class logbook.
- If you become ill after the class has started and are unable to participate because of illness, you must immediately notify the Director by signing the logbook.
- An ill student may be allowed to forego classroom singing at the Director's discretion for up to a maximum of four days during a school year. After that, a parental note will be required. However, you are still expected to follow along with the work done in class and to complete the designated written and listening assignments. This is not to be used as an opportunity to do work from another class.
- In cases of extended illness or habitual non-participation, a doctor's note may be required. You will only be allowed 5 sick days in class the entire year.

MAKE-UP WORK AND ASSIGNMENTS

Make-up Work for Excused Absences from Concerts

- Since the concerts for choir are essentially the tests for the material learned in class, it is necessary that these “tests” be made up if an absence should occur.
- Work should be made up within one week of your return to class, unless you have made special arrangements with the teacher.
- It is your responsibility to see the teacher for a make-up assignment for an excused concert absence. See below for more information.

Make-up Work for Daily Absences

- Attendance in class is necessary to make a significant contribution to the choir. A student will be given a make-up assignment once they have missed more than 4 days of class.

Make-up Assignment after 4 Daily Absences

- Select a topic involving music or musicians that interests you or listen to a classical recording or music broadcast on PBS. Complete a written report, one page in length, on that subject for each day of absence past your allotted 4.
- This assignment is due within one week of your return to school.
- If you have been absent with an extended illness (four or more consecutive missed days), you must see the teacher within your first week back in order to arrange your make-up assignment.

INDIVIDUAL QUIZ GRADES

- Quiz grades will constitute one-third of the quarterly grade average.
- Areas to be evaluated include: musical notation and terminology, physiological terminology, singing checks over concert music, listening and musical dictation, historical information, and musical literature covered in class.

GRADING SCALE

Grades are determined as follows:

Quarterly Grades

33% - Concert Grades

33% - Daily Work

33% - Quiz Grades (both written & singing)

CONCERT ATTENDANCE/GRADES

PERFORMANCE AT ALL CONCERTS IS A REQUIRED PART OF THE CLASS.

- A numerical grade is based upon punctuality, correct dress, on-stage and off-stage behavior, and musical contribution.
- If you miss a concert due to an excused absence, a make-up assignment must be completed, as explained below.
- No make-up credit will be given for concerts missed due to work, lack of transportation, or other unapproved excuses.

Concerts are the most critical activity of the choir class. They are a demonstration of the learning that is taking place in the classroom on a daily basis. Your attendance, behavior, performance, and promptness at concerts and dress rehearsals are all considered in the assignment of final grades. Plenty of advanced notice is given so that you can make arrangements to attend.

Since the learning that occurs at a concert is a result of observing other performers in action as well as performing, students are required to remain for the entire length of the concert in order to receive full credit for the concert.

The only exceptions that will be made are in cases of severe illness or when your parent has made arrangements, **in writing**, at least one week before the concert date. The Director reserves the right to require medical documentation when appropriate or to deny the absence following consultation with the CHS Principal for absences other than illness, funerals, or religious holidays.

- When a student has missed a concert and has an excused absence, they will be given the opportunity to make up the work with a written assignment when the absence has been excused.
- All excused concert absences must be made up to receive proper concert credit.
- Unexcused absences may not be made up and may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

DRESS REHEARSALS

- In order to sing in the concert, you must have attended the dress rehearsal.
- Dress rehearsals will usually be held after school on the day of the concert, or as announced ahead of time.
- Medical or dental appointments of an emergent nature or unavoidable college visitations are considered an excused absence from a dress rehearsal; although, it is recommended to avoid these if at all possible.
- Other exceptions will be granted only when a parent has made arrangements one week in advance; when the Director, after consulting with the administration, deems that extenuating circumstances were of an unavoidable nature; or in cases of severe illness. The Director reserves the right to require medical documentation to confirm the severity of the illness.

CONCERT DRESS

- Choral Uniforms for Symphonic Choir, Bella Voce, Men's Choir and Women's Choir are provided and required to wear at each concert. Every student will be fitted at the beginning of the year for their uniform. Cost and the pieces provided vary for each choral group. Bella Voce and Symphonic Choir women must purchase the required earrings and a necklace.
- Each student will be given a choir t shirt to wear for our fall concert.
- Please note: Every student is required to provide black dress shoes. Black flats are required for women. Points will be deducted from your concert grade for failure to wear the required concert attire. The teacher should be notified in advance of any extenuating circumstances.
- **Uniform pieces MUST be returned the end of the year. Students will be responsible for the cost of any items not returned.**

EXTRA REHEARSALS

- Every attempt will be made to keep additional out-of-school rehearsals to a minimum. They are sometimes necessary, however, to help the students achieve their best performance.
- Notice of mandatory rehearsals will be given at least one week in advance.
- Failure to attend a mandatory rehearsal will cause a loss of points, a decrease in the student's concert grade average, and may prevent the student from participating in the upcoming concert, subject to the Director's discretion.
- The Director reserves the right to lower a student's grade when a rehearsal is missed with insufficient documentation.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- When a bus is provided by the school system for a school-related event, **ALL STUDENTS MUST RIDE THE BUS** unless prior arrangements have been made in writing and approved by the Director.
- In addition, students are expected to ride only the bus to which they have been assigned. Any exceptions to this rule are to be made at the Director's discretion only.
- Due to the liability factors involved, students who disregard these rules will be disciplined accordingly.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

The expectations listed below are provided to help the class to run smoothly. Behavior is always a matter of choice. Often problems can be avoided by thoughtful reflection before acting. Discipline matters which are violations of the school discipline code will be handled according to the school discipline code and in cooperation with the appropriate administrator.

Student's Responsibilities

1. Always be quiet and attentive when the teacher is teaching, conducting, or giving instructions.
2. Always give every task your best effort and work only on the assigned musical task, unless otherwise given permission.
3. Always remain in your assigned seat unless otherwise given permission.
4. Bring the following materials every day: music, pencil, and paper. Use only the music that has been assigned to you, unless otherwise given permission by the instructor.
5. No candy, gum, food, or beverages are allowed in class without specific permission.
6. If you are unable to participate due to illness or injury, notify the instructor on the way into the room by signing the logbook near the door.
7. If you have any other needs of a non-emergency nature, notify the instructor without disrupting class by signing the logbook near the door on the way into the classroom.
8. Return homework and any papers requiring parental signatures on time, including google forms and assignments in google classroom.
9. Have phones put away during the class period.

Consequence Levels

Level 1: Verbal Warning

Level 2: Last Out (talk to teacher after class)

Level 3: Call Home

Level 4: After School Detention

Level 5: Office Referral

SYMPHONIC & FORTE HONORS

Any Symphonic or Forte students can register with their counselor to take the class for honors credit. These students will be responsible for extra requirements.

1. Voice Lessons

Each honors student must take voice lessons from an approved teacher for the entire school year and must log at least six 30-minute lessons for each quarter.

OR Research Papers

Each honors student must write two papers for each quarter on specific vocal techniques given to you by Mr. Spalding or Mrs. Korpusik.

2. Perform a solo at the Honors Recital Concert on Saturday, January 29th at 1pm.

COMMUNICATION

Remind

Remind is an app that we use to send out communication. All you need to do is text this number **81010** and put your choir code in the message. Then you will start to receive those messages.

Women's Choir text @elkssing2
Bella Voce text @chsbove
Men's Choir text @elkssing3
Symphonic Choir text @symphoco

Email

Email is the best way to communicate with us. We send emails to any email you have entered on HAC.

Online

You can also find information online

- Website: www.centervillechoirs.org
- Facebook: Centerville Choirs
- Instagram: @centervillechoirs

CHORAL SERVICE AWARDS

Service awards are presented each year at the Senior Recognition Concert. These awards are gained through earning service points beyond the scope of the daily classroom.

The total points for each award is as follows:

- First Level Award - 400 points (Choir Letter)
- Second Level Award - 700 points (Pin)
- Third Level Award - 1000 points (Plaque)
- Fourth Level Award - 1300 points (Baton)
- Fifth Level Award - 1600 points (Special Plaque)*
- Sixth Level Award - 2000 points (Special Award)
* only if fifth level was received the prior year

Service Points List

I. GENERAL POINTS

Bella, Women's, Men's Choir.....	150
Symphonic Choir	200
Forte	200
Bonus for 4 years participation	50

II. SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

Contest vocal solo	30
Contest small ensemble	20
Contest piano solo	10

III. FALL AND SPRING MUSICALS

(100 point maximum per year)

Lead	100
Minor, chorus, or stage crew	75
Other crew work (each crew).....	25
Pit Orchestra.....	50

IV. OTHER MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

(Written confirmation from parent or director)

State, regional, or summer choirs.....	40
Church choirs.....	40
(40 point maximum per year)	
Other performances.....	5
(30 point maximum per year)	
Outside Concert attendance	5
(30 point maximum per year)	

V. PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

(Teacher Signature Required)

Voice (full year)	50
Piano (full year).....	35
Guitar (full year).....	25

VI. SERVICES

Choir officer.....	40
Section leader or librarian	30
Wardrobe.....	30
Aide.....	50
Accompanist.....	15
(45 point maximum per year)	
Choreographer.....	15
(45 point maximum per year)	
Design of program cover.....	15
Usher for musical event.....	10
Fundraiser sales (Quota).....	25

CENTERVILLE CHORAL BOOSTERS OVERVIEW

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year from the Centerville Choral Boosters.

The Centerville Choral Boosters handle most of the financial logistics of the high school choral program. This overview is intended to let you know what to expect regarding costs, uniforms, and booster membership.

We're looking forward to a year of amazing music, opportunities, activities, and booster participation.

You can also find more information at www.centervillechoirs.org/boosterfaq.

Centerville Choral Boosters
500 East Franklin Road
Centerville, OH 45459
centervillechoralboosters@gmail.com

Checks payable to Centerville Choral Boosters

What's New and Important This Year?

- Choral fees of \$115 (or \$125 for girls in BV or SC that need jewelry) are due **by Tuesday, August 31st**
- You can also pay via PayPal at centervillechoiralboosters@gmail.com (select the friends and family option on PayPal)
- Choir Parent Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 at 5:30pm – The zoom link will be in student's google classroom for each choir.

What's Not New?

- The Centerville Choral Booster program still handles all financial transactions for the CHS choir classes.
- The Boosters operate on a very specific and "tight" budget.
- We depend on fundraising for "extra" things like end of year awards, scholarships, spirit treats, and large improvement items (generally equipment/classroom improvements).
- We will repeat the Cookie Dough fundraiser in August/September.
- We always need volunteers!!

What You Need to Do Now:

- Fill out the google form by Tuesday, August 31st <https://forms.gle/qc9w7HheFjLPmtZH9>
- Ask us any questions about the program and (especially) about costs **NOW**, before the due date. We are always willing to work with all parents and students. We just ask that you communicate with us.
- Mark 8/31/21 on your calendar –that's when your fees are due. \$115 (or \$125 for BV & SC women who need jewelry) made payable to Centerville Choir Boosters. You can also send via PayPal to centervillechoirboosters@gmail.com

CHORAL UNIFORMS

Women's Choir

CHS Provides: Black gowns
You Provide: Black flats
May wear earrings sized like a nickel or smaller
No other jewelry

Men's Choir

CHS Provides: Black tuxedo pants, vest, jacket, tie
You Provide: Black Shoes
Black socks
White dress shirt

Bella Voce

CHS Provides: Black gowns
Necklace and earrings (pierced or clip on)**
You Provide: Black flats
No other jewelry

Symphonic Choir - Women

CHS Provides: Black gowns
Necklace and earrings (pierced or clip on) **
You Provide: Black flats
No other jewelry

Symphonic Choir - Men

CHS Provides: Black tuxedo pants, vest, jacket, tie
You Provide: Black shoes
Black socks
White dress shirt

**Paid for with your booster fees. Yours to keep.

CHORAL EXPENSES

The choral program at CHS is extremely active and provides a variety of experiences for the choral students. All of this costs money, of course. We have made every effort to control and minimize costs. **We also provide the opportunity for each student to pay for some or all of their expenses through fundraising.** We have had many students pay for their fees and trips through fundraising.

The beginning of the school year can be a very costly time for families. **On Tuesday, August 31st at 5:30 pm we will have a very important informational meeting about the program.** We would love for everyone to join us!

	Women's	Bella Voce	Symphonic Women	Symphonic Men/ Men's Choir
Uniform Rental	15	15	15	15
Jewelry (if new or need replacement)	0	10	10	0 or 10 if needed
T-shirt	20	20	20	20
Performance Fees	5	5	5	5
Music Software	15	15	15	15
Music Arrangements	25	25	25	25
Accompanist	30	30	30	30
Sound	5	5	5	5
AMOUNT DUE TO BOOSTERS	\$115	\$125	\$125	\$115/\$125
*FORTE: SEE FORTE HANDBOOK				
*FEES WILL BE ADJUSTED IF A STUDENT ADDS OR DROPS A CLASS BASED ON WHAT THEY RECEIVE				
CENTERVILLE SCHOOLS WILL BILL YOU SEPARATELY FOR CLASSROOM FEES.				
Classroom instructional fee	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15

CHOIR CALENDAR

Choir Fees Due	Tuesday, August 31 st
Choir Parent Info Meeting	Tuesday, August 31 st / 5:30 pm / via zoom
Cookie Dough Fundraiser	Tuesday, August 31 st – Tuesday, September 14 th
Dress Rehearsals Fall Choral Show	October 18 th , 19 th & 20 th / 6 to 9 pm
Fall Choral Show (All choirs)	Thursday, October 21 st 7:30 pm in the PAC
.....	and Friday, October 22 nd / 7:30 pm in the PAC
Songs of The Season (All Choirs, Prime, Novae)...	Tuesday, December 7 th / 7:30 pm in the PAC
Holiday Extravaganza (Forte/Symphonic Choir ...	Monday, December 13 th / 7:30 pm in the PAC
Honors Students (Forte/Symphonic Choir)	Saturday, January 29 th / in Central Theatre
Dress Rehearsals – Video Release Concert	February 23 rd & 24 th / 6 pm to 9 pm
Video Release Concert (Forte)	Friday, February 25 th / 7:30 pm in the PAC
All District Choir Celebration (All choirs)	Friday, March 11 th / 7:30 pm in the PAC
Senior Recognition Concert (All choirs)	Wednesday, May 11 th / 7:30 pm in the PAC
Forte Concert (Forte)	Saturday, May 14 th / 7:30 pm
All Choir Banquet	Monday, May 16 th / time TBD

****This is a tentative schedule and changes can still be made. We also try to add gigs and performances throughout the year.**

CHS CHOIR HANDBOOK SIGNATURE SHEET

Now a link on google drive

* PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SHEET ON GOOGLE DRIVE AND RETURN IT **BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021.** <https://forms.gle/qc9w7HheFjLPmtZH9>

* FEES ARE DUE **TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021**

* We accept PayPal payments to centervillechoralboosters@gmail.com or you can send a check to the school made payable to Centerville Choir Boosters. ****Select “friends and family” if using PayPal.**