

☆☆ Summit ☆☆

A Cappella

Handbook for '23-'24

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+ † Summit Attendance Policy † +

Students are expected to be present whenever possible. However, the CHS Choral Department understands that students have many worthwhile experiences from which to choose during their time in school. Conflicts with other events often arise and circumstances come to bear that sometimes require an absence. This year we are requiring 75% attendance at rehearsals, with limited exceptions, see below. While we don't require 100% attendance, we do ask for 100% accountability, if a rehearsal is missed, excused or not, we ask that you make an effort to figure out what was missed, and keep pace with the rest of the group.

+ † Excused Absences † +

- Illness or medical emergency
- Death in family
- Participation in a previously planned major family event (wedding, religious ceremony, reunion, etc.)
- All excused absences must be reported to Mrs. Korpusik and Miss DiPietro

+ † Unexcused Absences † +

- No call/no show to rehearsal, dress rehearsal, or performance
- No prior notice of conflict
- Work (Failure to give your boss proper notice of a rehearsal/performance that has been on our calendar for months is not an excuse.)
- Babysitting – make family arrangements to accommodate your schedule as a student.
- Out-of-town visitors (“But it’s the ONLY TIME I can see uncle Fred”)
- “But I couldn’t get a ride...”
- Routine appointments that can be scheduled for other times (dental/eye exams, doctor checkups, driving school, etc.)

**Any unexcused absence from a major performance/concert or below 75% attendance (see exceptions above) to rehearsal will result in removal from the ensemble with no financial refund. Major performances are those that have been on the calendar all year.

**Any potential conflict must be communicated to Mrs. Korpusik and Miss DiPietro two weeks prior to the absence (except in cases of accident or medical emergency). You must receive feedback/approval before the absence is considered excused.

+ †Conflicts with Other CHS Activities† +

We do not want your participation in Summit to unequivocally preclude you from engaging with and developing other talents at CHS (i.e. sports, clubs, theater), and we will work to determine the best solution if/when potential conflicts arise. Letting us know ASAP about schedules of conflicting activities will help us work out a plan for attendance. However, life is about balancing priorities, and being a member of Summit is being a member of a team - and you will have other members depending on you.

Remember the timeline of your commitments!!

+ †Dues† +

\$120 per student, which covers:

- Arrangement Costs
- Costs associated with recording one song
- Summit T-Shirt
- Various non-budgeted incidentals (music video, etc.)

**Dues can be paid in full by Friday, November 17th or split into multiple payments, see Mrs. Korpusik and Ms. DiPietro for further details.

**Dues can be paid via check in an envelope with the students name and made payable to "Centerville Choral Boosters" to the dropbox in the choir room, or via Venmo, to the CHS Choir Treasurer Jeri Torrero, @jeri-torrero (as "friend" with 1781 as the last 4 digits of the phone number)

**PLEASE see Mrs. Korpusik or Miss DiPietro with any financial concerns. If you want to be a part of Summit, we will absolutely not permit fees or dues to stop you!! At the end of the day this is about being a part of a community that shares a love for music, the financials come after.

+ †Group Communication† +

Summit will use:

- Parentsquare: the platform CHS is using for parents and students to communicate with teachers, coaches, etc

**Students NEED to be able to access this app, as it will severely hamper efforts to have organized communication and rehearsals without them!

+ †Rehearsal Schedule† +

Summit meets one day a week on Thursday, right after school from 3-5pm. Impromptu rehearsals will only pop up if/when necessary for upcoming performances.

+ †Performances and Events† +

- All Choir FUNdraiser, September 27th, 7:00 pm in the PAC
- Fall Choral Show: I Love the '80's, October 19th-20th, 7:30 pm in the PAC (dress rehearsals October 17th & 18th at 6:00 pm)
- Songs of The Season, December 5th, 7:30 pm in the PAC
- Forte Video Release, February 22nd & 23rd, 7:30 pm (dress rehearsal February 20th-21st 6:00 pm)
- All District Choir Celebration, March 13th 7:00 pm in the PAC
- A Cappella Showcase Concert, May 11th, 7:30 pm in the PAC