

Course Syllabus

Mr. Wubbena

Choir

2016-2017

<http://sunsetspartanchoir.weebly.com>

Website Password: sing

Contact Info: All pertinent information can be found on my website. Please check the website for updates, especially before concerts. Please e-mail me at: wubbena_nathan@svvvsd.org for other questions or concerns. I will make or return phone calls, however, email is much preferred due to the nature of my teaching schedule.

Grading:

Accumulating points from the following weighted categories will determine grades:

70 % Assessment which includes:

- Concerts and After School Practices (see back for more information about attendance requirements)
- Sight-Singing Quizzes
- Theory Assessment

30 % Learning Activities which includes:

- Recordings of singing short sections of music
- Minute to Win It worksheets
- Written theory assignments
- Daily Grade (ability to meet standards and goals)

Students that turn in all work and put forth good effort will usually receive a good grade at the end of the quarter.

Daily Grade:

Students that do the following will receive their full grade for the day:

1. Employ musical skills consistently through a variety of means, including singing and purposeful movement.
 - **This means: singing at the correct time, as directed.**
2. Demonstrate the processes of development of musical literature from rehearsal to performance, exhibiting appropriate interpersonal and expressive skills, both individually and within ensembles.
 - **This means: arriving on time, having appropriate behavior in class, writing all markings in your music, listening to the conductor and doing your best to apply his directions.**
3. Demonstrate the expressive elements of music through their voice - including melody, harmony, rhythm, style, genre, texture, voicing/instrumentation, mood, tonality, and form.
 - **This means: using the correct dynamics, doing your best to sing the correct notes at the correct time, using good singing technique.**

Tardy Policy:

Classes go bell to bell. This means students are expected to be in their seat with their materials, prepared to learn and have fun when the bell rings. Any student not in their seat will be marked tardy, which will result in a point being taken off of their daily grade. Please be on time, and expect to work all the way through class until the bell.

Required Materials:

- Pencil
- 1" Binder or \$1 to buy one from Mr. Wubbena
- Water bottle HIGHLY encouraged

Homework:

- Rehearse concert music using the website and iPad as needed
- Occasional theory or performance assignments when applicable
- No more than 20 minutes/week

Classroom Expectations:

- **Be Responsible**

Everyone in choir is a young adult, and will be treated as such. Bring your materials, arrive on time, and know your music. If everyone works as a team to accomplish this, holding each other accountable, there's no limit to what the choir can achieve!

- **Be Caring and Courageous**

Know that choosing to sing out is a brave thing. Listen when others are talking, and treat others with care and understanding. Don't be afraid to try something new. You will have the opportunity to learn about different cultures, perform in styles you never have, and audition for solos. Take a chance and let yourself grow.

In short: **Be prompt, prepared, productive, and positive.**

Concerts, After School Practices, and Outside Performances

Attendance Requirements

Attendance is required for all choir students at all concerts. Concerts are the summative performance assessment at the end of each quarter, and it is vital all students attend. It's the biggest grade! The schedule for concerts is below, and is also posted on the choir website.

Fall Concert: Tuesday, October 11th, 6:00pm

Winter Concert: Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00pm

Pops Concert: Tuesday, March 7th, 6:00pm

Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 17th, 6:00pm

Concert Dress Requirements

All outfits MUST conform to school dress code.

6th Grade Students (black / white / shades of grey)

- Males:
 - Black dress pants
 - Black dress shoes
 - **White, black, or grey** dress shirt (polo or button-up)
- Females:
 - Nice black and/or white outfit (no colors), which may include: dress, skirt, dress pants, nice top
 - Nice black shoes (heels no higher than 2")

7th and 8th Grade Students (all black)

- Males:
 - Black dress shoes
 - **Black** button down shirt
 - Tie (provided for you)
- Females:
 - **Black** dress OR **black** skirt/nice top
 - Black dress shoes (heels no higher than 2")
 - White or Green accessory (provided for you)

Excused Absences

A student may be excused from a concert in emergency situations only; emergency situations include serious illness that will put other choir members at risk or a death in the family. In all situations, a parent must contact Mr. Wubbena as soon as possible to inform him of the absence. Students with excused absences will need to do a make-up paper to obtain the points. It is the student's responsibility to ask for the paper from Mr. Wubbena when they return. If an absence is unexcused or the make-up paper is not turned in one week after returning, it will result in a 0 for the student's concert grade and likely an F for the quarter.

Outside Performances

Individual students, as well as certain choirs, may have the opportunity to attend festivals, honor choirs, and other events outside of school throughout the school year. 7th and 8th grade music students will have the opportunity to travel to Elitches on the last day of school.

Any student attending any of these events must:

- Have attended all after-school events
- Have a A or a B in choir

Some outside performance opportunities may include:

1. Men's Choir Festival: November 14th
2. District Honor Choir: January 21st
3. Middle School All-State Choir: February 2nd-3rd
4. Solo & Ensemble: February 25th
5. Elitches Reward Trip: May 24th

