Boone High School Chorus
2016-17 Syllabus

"Sing Loud, Work Hard, Build Community"

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CALENDAR
This is found online at **boonechorus.com**. It can be easily added to your smart phone.

COMMUNICATION
Our primary means of communication with students will be Google Classroom and Remind. We ask chorus parents to join our Remind groups to stay informed of events and deadlines. *Visit boonechorus.com to sign up today!*

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The Boone High School Chorus program provides a performing outlet for highly motivated students interested in becoming more involved in the art of choral music. Class activities incorporate the Florida Standards for Music and will include performing, listening, and analyzing music from different styles and time periods and developing musicianship skills. Graded performances will occur regularly throughout the school year both on and off campus.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
Chorus thrives with the help of parents! Below are some ways parents can assist.

1. Attend the chorus parent meeting held once a year
2. Attend performances
3. Chaperon field trips
4. Volunteer to help with concerts, fundraisers, measuring for uniforms, etc.
5. Help students be on time for rehearsals/performances
6. Actively support chorus fundraisers

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be in your seat with your materials when the tardy bell rings.
2. Put away all food, drink, or gum before you enter the chorus room.
3. Store your phone safely in your bag during class.
4. Maintain a focused, positive, and productive rehearsal atmosphere.

GRADING POLICY
Chorus uses a simple point system.

- Assignments: points vary
- Quizzes: 5-20pts
- Rehearsals: 25-50pts
- Concerts: 75-100pts

CONCERTS
Chorus is a performance oriented course. Therefore, performances are a large part of each student's overall grade. Students and parents are expected to prioritize concerts by transferring these dates into their calendars and avoiding all non-emergency conflicts. **To receive full credit,** it is the responsibility of the student to follow the proper procedure: arrive in uniform and check-in on time, participate positively and fully, and use proper concert etiquette.

Absences: If absent from a performance, it is the responsibility of the STUDENT to make sure the proper procedure is followed.

- An **unexcused absence** from a performance will result in a zero and no opportunity to make up the points. Not having a ride will be ruled unexcused.
- The only **excused absences** from after-school rehearsals or performances are personal illness. In this case, please email us as soon as possible to arrange a makeup. In the case of pre-planned events, a parent email is expected at least three weeks in advance.
- **Tardies:** Arriving late to an after-school rehearsal or performance will negatively impact your grade. Every five minutes after that will result in an additional 10-point decrease. For example, if concert call is to be in your seat at 6:00 PM and you arrive in your seat at 6:15 PM you will receive an 80 for your concert grade. Plan to arrive and sign-in with your choir manager early!

- **Make-up work:** If your performance absence is excused, you will be expected to schedule an after-school makeup session which will replace the concert grade. In this session, you will perform your vocal part from the concert repertoire. No make-up will be given for unexcused absences, and failure to make up will result in a zero. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

CHORUS FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

This section is meant to give you a full understanding of the financial responsibilities of chorus and how it benefits our chorus students. In short, all students are expected to fundraise for their chorus uniform and the "Fair Share" (aka PFC) of $25 per semester.

Important: No student will be excluded from chorus due to financial difficulties. Our fundraisers are very user-friendly and require little additional time. Please make this a priority, and do not hesitate to speak with us about personal circumstances. We are happy to work with all families.

UNIFORMS
Every chorus student is required to have a specific uniform for performances. Chorus uniforms from other school programs are not permitted. Boone Chorus has a uniform rental system to help save students money. Last year, we started renting dresses. This year, we will rent tuxes also. Students may choose to purchase their uniform if desired. Uniform payments are due **September 16** to ensure all uniforms arrive in time for our Fall Concert.

Women:
- Women's dresses can be rented for $30, but must be returned, dry-cleaned by **May 12**. If a student prefers to purchase the dress, the cost is $65, one-time, and the dress will not need to be returned. This option is financially wise for underclassmen who plan to be in chorus for multiple years.

Men:
- Men's tuxedos (shirt, tie, vest, pants, NO coat) can be rented for $30, and must be returned in good condition & dry-cleaned by **May 12**. If a student prefers to purchase their uniform, the cost is $65.
- Tux coats for Concert Choir will now be borrowed at <u>no</u> <u>charge</u>. However, they must still be returned in good condition & dry-cleaned by **May 12**. Men can choose to purchase their tuxedo jacket for $65.

FAIR SHARE or PERSONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (PFC) - $25 per semester

The PFC is a commitment that every chorus family makes to support the chorus program. There are financial needs involved with school arts programs not provided for by Orange County Public Schools. Enhanced instruction is accomplished through a budget with expenses including, but not limited to, accompanist and choreographer fees, clinicians, music, group travel, concert recordings, MPA registration, classroom equipment, technology, and performances. In an active high school chorus program like ours, a typical year's expenses can exceed $30,000.

This fee of $25 per semester should be fund raised, paid out of pocket, or a combination of both.

**It is our goal to keep the cost of our PFC at an absolute minimum while still making sure that we are meeting the financial needs of the chorus program.

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Fundraiser #1: We are very fortunate to live in a community that is very supportive of Boone High School. For our fall fundraiser, we are reaching out to the community to purchase ads in our ad book, to be distributed to audience members at concerts. There are two types of ads available: business and personal. Both are available in different sizes. We will kick off our ad-book sales on Wednesday, August 31. All ad book sales will be due **Friday, September 16**.

Fundraiser #2: Chorus students now have the opportunity to pre-sell tickets to "Acoustic Night" for 100% profit. All pre-sale ticket orders must be submitted by Tuesday, September 13. Tickets are general admission and cost $3/each.

PAY ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD
You may pay many school fees online using SchoolPay. You will need to register for an account on **schoolpay.ocps.net** before making a payment. The school accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. Log into your SchoolPay account and search for chorus to make payments.

Boone Chorus Calendar 2016 - 2017

*****Fall Semester*****

August 18, 5:00 to 8:00pm
Mixer for CC and AW

August 23, 2:30 to 4:00pm
All-State Orientation/practice
Chorus room

August 25, 2:30-4:00pm
All-State Practices begin (every Tu/Th)

August 25, 7:00-8:00pm
Chorus Parent Meeting
Chorus Room

September 10, 9:00 to 3:00
Chorus Retreat
Chorus Room / Auditorium

September 15, 7:00 pm
Acoustic Night, sponsored by Chorus
Auditorium ($3 admission)

September 16
PFC ($25), Uniform ($30), & Fundraiser Payments due

September 16, 2:30 to 3:30pm
Candlelight Video Recording

October 7, 5:00pm
Chorus Tailgate Party

October 18, 7:00pm
Chorus Fall Concert (free admission)
Boone Auditorium (Call time is 6:00)

November 3-5
Florida ACDA Honor Choir

November 12, 9:00am to 12:00pm
Candlelight Rehearsal
Chorus Room

December 12, 2:00 to 4:00
Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal

December 13, 7:00
Chorus Winter Concert

Candlelight performance dates will be announced in early November

****Spring Semester****

January 12-14
FMEA and All-State

January 10, 17, 19, 20, 21
OCPS All-County Chorus Events

January 27 (all day)
Stetson Men's Choir Festival

January 18-February 1
Welch's Fruit Snacks fundraiser

February 1
PFC payment due ($25)

February 3-4 (Time TBA)
Solo and Ensemble MPA

February 22, 23, & 24 (Time TBA)
Concert MPA

April (TBA)
Additional rehearsals for Spring Showcase will be added later

April 21, 2:30-5:30pm
Dress Rehearsal for all students

April 22 & 23, 7:00 pm
Spring Showcase
Regular Admission: $7 VIP: $15

April/May TBA
State MPA

May 13, 6:00-9:00pm
Spring Chorus Banquet
First Christian Church of Orlando (MPR)

May TBA
Concert Choir performs at Graduation & Baccalaureate

Bold text = Required for all chorus students

Boone High School Chorus Department

Syllabus Acknowledgment Form

We have read the chorus syllabus and calendar and understand the expectations involved in participating in chorus at Boone High School. These include but are not limited to attendance requirements, uniforms, classroom behavior, grading policy, communication, and financial obligations.

Name of Student (please print) _____

Signature X_____

Name of Parent/ Guardian (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian X_____

Date_____

Please contact Mr. Doherty or Mrs. Noble with questions or conflicts regarding any of the above.
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This form is due back completed by **Friday, August 19, 2016**

Keep the syllabus and calendar for your reference during the school year, and please transfer the dates to your personal calendars. These forms along with additional events and information are also updated regularly on the Boone Chorus web site, www.boonechorus.com.