2019-20 Boltz Choir Member Handbook

Choir Classroom Rules

* Listen to, and follow all directions
* Mind your own business
* If it’s not yours, don’t touch it (markers and white board, MH’s toys, etc. ASK!)
* Be respectful
* Be smart
* Try your best at all times to be perfect
* No gum, soda, or illegal substances in the choir room. Water welcome and encouraged.
* Have fun when it is time for fun, and do work when it is time for work

Choir Member Expectations

* Attendance
  + Be on time for and attend class.
  + Please avoid scheduling appointments during choir rehearsal time.
  + Attend all concerts and perform to the best of your ability.
* Participation
  + Be fully present (physically, mentally, emotionally) and ready to make music.
  + Sing when it is your turn, listen and learn other parts when it is not.
  + Observe proper vocal health inside and outside the choir room.
  + **Bring a pencil to class** and mark your musical score with notes from the director.
  + Learn, memorize, and perform the choir songs
  + Have a positive attitude about sight-singing and musicianship exercises.
  + Remember: perfect practice makes perfect performance.
* Respect
  + Treat all people and property with respect.
  + Do not talk when the director is talking, or when other people are singing.
  + Understand that everyone wants this choir to succeed, most of all Miss Harrison. If you feel something needs more attention, or you hear a continual problem, please note it on the clipboard. Miss Harrison will listen to it and work with the appropriate party as she sees fit.
  + Use only a pencil when marking your music.
  + You may play the piano only when you have permission to do so.
  + Take care of your own needs at appropriate times. You may bring a water bottle to class; you are encouraged to do so. Band aids are available for you. Excessive restroom, hall, and/or nurse visits will be addressed on an individual basis.

Concert Expectations

* Concert dates:
  + Thursday, October 10, 2019
  + Tuesday, December 10, 2019
  + Tuesday, March 5, 2020
  + Tuesday, May 19, 2020
* Call time
  + All singers need to report to the choir room at 6:30pm on the night of each concert. Parents may take their places in the commons. The concert will start at 7:00pm.
  + All singers are expected to stay for the entire concert. Do not leave early.
* Uniform for all singers
  + Shoes: black, close-toed dress shoes. No sneakers or extremely high heels.
  + Socks: black, ladies may wear black tights/nylons/hose. No skin showing.
  + Pants: black slacks. No jeans, leggings, or short skirts. If a belt is needed, please wear one with a simple belt buckle as to avoid distraction. Ladies may wear a long black skirt if desired.
  + Top: black, covers chest and shoulders. Ladies may wear a black dress.
  + No large accessories, such as hair ties, headbands, or jewelry.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on a scale from 0 to 4 (4 = mastery) in the following four areas:

* concert attendance
* class participation and meeting expectations
* in-class assignments
* Boltz Character Traits

Please note my grading analogy:

0 = not in the gym

1 = falling off a balance beam

2 = walking steadily along the beam, keeping balance

3 = adding jumps, spins, cartwheels, and simple tricks while keeping balance

4 = ready for a serious gymnastics competition

What if I’m too sick to sing?

We all have times in which we physiologically cannot sing due to illness. If this is the case, please bring a doctor’s note to class. You will be expected to complete an “I Can’t Sing Today” form in lieu of singing to earn full participation points for that day.

Contact Information

You are welcome to contact me with questions or to share important information. The most efficient form of contact for me is via email. I will return your email within 24 hours, Monday through Friday.

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