

# 2021-22 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
- Be respectful
- Be smart
- Try your best at all times to be perfect
- No gum, soda, or illegal substances in the music 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 Mrs. Wilson. If you feel something needs more attention, or you hear a continual problem, please note it on the clipboard. Mrs. Wilson 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:
  - Friday, October 8, 2021
  - Monday, December 6, 2021
  - Thursday, March 10, 2022
  - Monday, May 9, 2022
  - Dessert Cabaret for Embers 8 and Musical Theater: Thursday, May 19
- 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.
  - Top: black
  - No large accessories, such as hats, hair ties, headbands, or jewelry.
  - Embers 8 singers must provide their own socklets. This is required.

## **Grading Policy**

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

- concert attendance, preparation, and performance
- class participation and meeting expectations
- in-class assignments
- Boltz Character Traits

## **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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