

MASSILLON CHOIR PROGRAM



WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents,

Getting ready for a new school year is always exciting. There are new songs to sing, music to be created, shows to perform and fun times to be had. We are looking forward to the opportunity of working with your child. With all of you on board, it is sure to be a successful year!

Communication

If you need to reach us, you can do so at the follow number or email:

330-830-3902 ext. 52302

Miss Sullivan— esullivan@massillonschools.org

Mr. Rock— jrock@massillonschools.org

We have a remind 101 account for each choir class. For texts reminders about concerts and other important class information, please see page 4 for details on how to sign up for remind 101.

Lastly, we have a teacher web page with information on schedules, forms, blizzard bag assignments, and so much more. This link can be found under your child's school page.

Important Dates

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| 09/8 | Show Choir Auditions |
| 09/23 | Fundraiser Kick off |
| 07/29 | 7th and 8th Grade at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium |
| 12/14 | 5th and 6th Grade Choir Concert |
| 12/15 | 7th and 8th Grade Choir Concert |

Choir Polo

Every student needs a choir polo for the spring choir concert. We will be selling them for the first four weeks of school.

Polo shirts are \$10.00.

Order forms can be picked up in the choir room or found on our teacher's web page.

Blizzard Bags

Blizzard bags for the choirs will require them to practice songs from their concert repertoire. All music links and reflection forms can be found on our teacher's web page. If your family does not have internet, it is the student's responsibility to inform either Mr. Rock or Miss Sullivan that they need a CD and reflection form.

Folders

All students need a 3-prong folder for their music

Solo and Ensemble

7th and 8th Grade students who wish to perform on a more serious level by taking a solo to contest are required to work one-on-one with either a private teacher or with Miss Sullivan. The contest entry fee is \$14.00 and the accompanist fee is \$15.00. This will be due one month prior to the event. Solo and Ensemble will be held on April 9, 2016. If you would like information on a private teacher, please ask Mr. Rock or Miss Sullivan.

Large Group Competition

The 7th and 8th Grade students will perform at the OMEA Large Group Competition this year. The dates of this event are May 13 & 14, 2016. Groups that will be performing at this event are 7/8 mixed chorus, women's chorus, and men's chorus. Details on participating in this event will be coming soon!

Show Choir

Show Choir rehearses once a week on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Auditions will be held on September 8, 2015 in the choir room after school. Students will sign up in groups of 5 for a 15 minute time slot. They will be asked to perform both a song from memory and a dance. Song options will be handed out the first week of school. Dance practice will be held before school during the week of Aug. 24-28, 2015.

Musical

All 6th - 8th grade students who are a part of choir are eligible to audition for the musical. Audition and performance dates will be announced soon. Rehearsals are held after school. Please understand that this activity is a big time commitment. More information will be passed out as we come closer to the audition date.

Concert Attire

Winter Concert Attire:

Gentlemen:

Tops: Dress Shirt and tie

Bottoms: Dress pants, dress shoes, and socks

Ladies:

Tops: Dress shirt

Bottoms: Dress shoes and dress pants, skirts, or dress

Spring Concert Attire:

All:

Choir polo, jeans, and tennis shoes

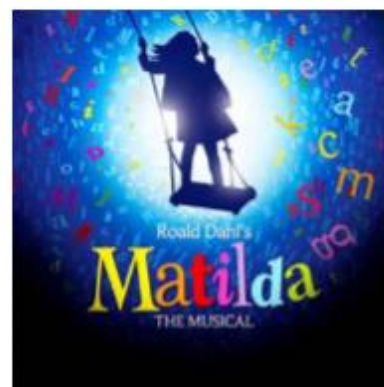


On concert days, students should wear their choir polo shirts to school.

"There's no half-singing in the shower, your either a rock star or an opera diva." ~ Josh Groban

Annual 8th Grade Trip to Cleveland

8th Grade student's will be traveling to Cleveland on May 19th. Students will need to turn in confirmation forms and a \$10 down payment to secure their seats in September.



Grading Process

STUDENTS WILL BE GRADED ON THREE UNITS EACH QUARTER

- A. Daily rehearsal grades
- B. Concert participation grades
- C. Written work or musicianship



Grading Policy

- A. Daily rehearsal grades
 - a. Student's begin each rehearsal with four points
 - b. The following factors will reduce points
 - i. Less than acceptable participation
 - 1. Socializing -2
 - 2. Inattention - 2
 - ii. No music or pencil -2
 - iii. Class cut -4
 - iv. Less than acceptable posture -2
 - v. Possession or usage of gum, food, drink -2
 - vi. Tardy to class -1
 - vii. Disrespect to others -2
 - viii. ISC and OSS placement due to Choir infraction -2
- B. Attendance is mandatory for all choir concerts. Concerts are our "exams" and when a student is not present, they miss the exam. It is not possible to make up this work.
 - a. Unexcused absences from the concert will result in a loss of **100 points**
 - b. To be excused from a concert, the student must present a parent note or phone call **prior** to the event. **No excuses are acceptable after the event.**
 - i. Directors can be reached at **330-830-3902 ext. 52302**
 - c. An excused absence from a concert will result in the loss of 30 points for the quarter.
 - i. Students are required to schedule an appointment with Mr. Rock and Miss Sullivan to sing portions of the concert to achieve full credit.
 - d. Excuses accepted **without deductions** include
 - i. Illness-automatically excused **ONLY** if the student is absent the day of the concert.
 - ii. **UNAVOIDABLE** family events such as death in the family or wedding. **(Events that can be scheduled at other times such as birthday celebrations are NOT EXCUSED.)**
 - iii. Participation in another school activity, when pre-arranged by both advisors.
 - iv. Emergency occurrences or accident confirmed with the director at the

- e. The following examples are **NOT** excused:
 - i. Transportation problems (Please see either Mr. Rock or Miss Sullivan prior to the concert if there is a transportation problem that you cannot fix.)
 - ii. Jobs/baby-sitting
 - iii. Observation of other school events
 - vi. Participation in NON-SCHOOL related sports or clubs such as baseball
 - v. Vacations without **two weeks advance** notice from parents.
- f. Poor behavior and participation at the concert will result in a loss of points.
- g. If you are suspended from school on the day of the concert, you are required to schedule a time with Mr. Rock or Miss Sullivan and sing the concert for them. You will only be able to receive 60 points towards your concert grade. **It is the student's responsibility to arrange a time to sing.**

C. Music courses require evaluations of individual skills. Students will be given:

- a. Worksheets and written assignments
- b. Group vocal assessments
- c. Individual vocal assessments
 - i. On some of our individual vocal assessments, we ask students who have a phones or an iPod that records, to use their personal devices to record their performance and email it to either Mr. Rock or Miss Sullivan. For those who do not have a device that will record, one is available at the school to use.
- d. Attending a concert and writing a review
- f. Practice logs and rehearsal reflections

Classroom expectations

A. Please be on time for class.

- a. Being late will affect your participation grade
 - i. 1st offense - Warning
 - ii. 2nd offense - Student conference
 - iii. 3rd offense - Parent Conference
 - iv. 4th offense - Written referral
 - V. 5th offense - Discipline infraction form / office

B. Please be prepared for class with all materials.

C. Please be respectful in class and follow directions the first time they are given.

- a. 1st offense – Verbal Warning
- b. 2nd offense – Written Warning
- c. 3rd offense – Parent Contact and Detention
- d. 4th offense – Office Referral

Parent Help

Family involvement in the choral program is always welcomed. If you are interested in helping out, please check the area below that you would be willing to assist:

- Counting Money (several times a year)
- Organizing pizza and ice cream socials
- Chaperoning events (ex. Solo and Ensemble and Large Group Contest)
- Making Costumes
- Building Sets

Parent/Student Signature

It is important that the students, teachers, and parents/guardians are on the same page. This will help promote a solid foundation for the students to grow. Please sign below to show that you have read the opportunities and grading process of the choir.

Student's Name: (Please Print) _____

Parent's Name: (Please Print) _____

Parent's Name (Signature) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best Number to contact you: _____

Email: _____

If a picture is taken of your child during a choir event, do we have your permission to use their picture on our Massillon Teacher's Web Page?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Students need to return this form by Aug. 28, 2015. This is worth 10 points. Each day late will result in a point deduction.



2015-2016 Schedule

Sept. 8, 2015	Show Choir Auditions	After School	Choir Room
Sept. 23, 2015	Choir Fundraiser		
Oct. 16, 2015	7th and 8th Grade Anthem	7:00 p.m.	Paul Brown Tiger Stadium
Dec. 4, 2015	The Lion King Jr.	7:00 p.m.	MJHS Cafeteria
Dec. 5, 2015	The Lion King Jr.	7:00 p.m.	MJHS Cafeteria
Dec. 14, 2015	5th Grade Concert	6:15 p.m.	MIS Cafeteria
Dec. 14, 2015	6th Grade Concert	7:00 p.m.	MIS Cafeteria
Dec. 15, 2015	7th and 8th Grade Concert	6:30 p.m.	MJHS Cafeteria
April 9, 2016	Solo and Ensemble	All Day	Tuslaw High School
May 9, 2016	7th and 8th Grade Concert	6:30 p.m.	MJHS Cafeteria
May 13 - 14, 2016	Large Group Contest (7/8)	TBA	TBA
May 16, 2016	5th Grade Concert	6:15 p.m.	MIS Cafeteria
May 16, 2016	6th Grade Concert	7:00 p.m.	MIS Cafeteria
May 19, 2016	8th Grade Cleveland Trip	All Day	Cleveland