

# CITRUS HILLS CHOIR



## **Music is intrinsic.**

As with all art, it is about expressing oneself via a different and unique language. Much of academia is impressionistic, which requires a definitive skill of following instructions. Band and choir add to that requirement the option of self-expression.

## **Music requires group effort.**

Members are required to shift from an I/Me reasoning to a We/Us concept. This means extending oneself beyond the normal considerations of much of our day-to-day living. Instead of the logic being, "What's in it for me?" it becomes, "What's in it for us?" The values of cooperation, communication, concentration, correlation, and completion come into play at each rehearsal and performance.

## **Music builds positive self-worth.**

Although we may share many similarities with our athletic counterparts, band and choir is a place for EVERYONE! Never is a person serving as an alternate or substitute. Everyone in the band and choir plays a starting role!

## **Music is preparation for life.**

Through the discipline of music, we are developing a consistent understanding between the intellectual (cognitive) and emotional (affective) thought processes. Band and choir allow people to create formulas that are directly transferable to other facets of life.

## **Music is a lot of FUN!!!**

- We learn a wide variety of music, from songs from around the globe to musical theater selections.
- We have at least one concert per semester for our families and friends.
- We are often asked to perform outside of these concerts for special events at our school and community and even at Disneyland as part of their Community Arts Showcase!
- As you continue with band or choir in high school, remember that the high school bands and choirs in our district regularly travel to places such as Northern California, New York, and Hawaii.

## **CITRUS HILLS CHOIR COURSES:**

### **Beginning Choir:**

This choir is open for all 7th and 8th grade students. We will learn basic singing pedagogy and technique as well as basic musicianship and music theory.

### **Intermediate Choir:**

This choir is open for all 8th grade students who were in Beginning Choir as a 7th grader at CHIS. Students who were not in Beginning Choir at CHIS as a 7th grader but who have experience singing in a choir may also qualify to join Intermediate Choir; this will be decided by Mrs. Landrum on a case by case basis.

### **Honors Choir:**

Any student in Beginning or Intermediate Choir is eligible to audition for Honors Choir. Honors Choir is an auditioned choir that performs more often and rehearses more challenging music. Auditions are held at the beginning of each school year.

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Karen Landrum, the Citrus Hills choir director, if you have any questions.

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