Hello and welcome to Choir! I'm excited each of you have chosen to be in choir.

Below is this year's schedule, expectations, grading policies, and more. Please familiarize yourself with the information as it is a great place to refer back to throughout the year and has a great deal of information.

After reading through the handbook, please sign your concert schedule sheet, detach on dotted line, and hand back in during class time. Information is also available on my classroom website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through phone, email, or just stop in the choir room.

Once again, I've very excited for all that this year has in store for the Hayfield Choir Program and all that we will accomplish!

#### Sincerely,

Mrs. Megan Lynch

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### **Choir Expectations**

- Participate to the best of your ability every single day
- Treat others and classroom items with **respect**
- Display a **positive attitude**
- **Be on time** during class and concerts with materials needed.
- At the end of class, **clean up** any items in your surrounding area.
- No gum or food is allowed in the choir room. Water bottles are allowed.

## **HHS Junior High Expectations**

- 1. Unless directed otherwise, all student work will be written in complete sentences (starts with a capital letter, uses punctuation, includes at least a noun and verb in a complete thought)

  Consequence: Students will receive half credit for correct answers not written in complete sentences
- 2. Students will listen the first time information is given.

**Consequence:** Teachers will repeat/rephrase information for understanding, but not for poor listening.

3. Students will not interrupt others' discussion or instruction. Students will raise their hands and wait patiently to be called on.

**Consequence:** Students will receive classroom detention to be served at the teacher's discretion.

4. Students will be prepared for each class by bringing a charged iPad (grades 7 and 8), writing utensil, notebook, assignment, folder, agenda, and all other necessary classroom materials.

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**Consequence:** Students who are unprepared will serve lunch intervention on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mr. Howe. Students may not get off the list on the day of. They can read if assignments are caught up. The "slate" is wiped clean after each intervention.

#### Grading

#### Summative (60%)

- Concert Performances
- Concert Reflections
- Singing assessment
- Test/Quizzes

#### Formative (40%)

- Dailey rehearsal technique
- Worksheets
- Journal activities

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|  | A- | 94-90.9 |
|  | B+ | 87-89.9 |
|  | В  | 84-86.9 |
|  | B- | 80-83.9 |
|  | C+ | 77-79.9 |
|  | C  | 74-76.9 |
|  | C- | 70-73.9 |
|  | D+ | 67-69.9 |
|  | D  | 64-66.9 |
|  | D- | 60-63.9 |
|  | F  | 59.9-0  |
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## **Concerts**

Concerts are a major part of your summative assessment grade. All concerts bolded in the schedule below are graded and require attendance. Make sure to mark these performances on your family calendar or post them on the fridge. Concert expectations and grading rubric will be given and explained before each concert.

**Excused absences**: Excused absences include personal illness, family emergency, and unavoidable family trips (made before the beginning of school year). These absences may be made up by an alternative assignment regarding the concert unit. If an excused absence does occur, an email or phone call must be provided to Mrs. Lynch by a parent/guardian. Make sure to plan ahead in clearing your schedule and arranging transportation.

**Unexcused absences:** An unexcused absence are absences not verified from a parent or guardian. An unexcused absence from a concert will result in a "0" for the concert grade.

**Concert Dress:** Choir members should wear appropriate dress clothes for performances. It's important to look our best! All outfits must follow the HHS dress code.

<u>Girls</u>- dress pants/skirt/dress, dress shirt and dress shoes (no super high heels)

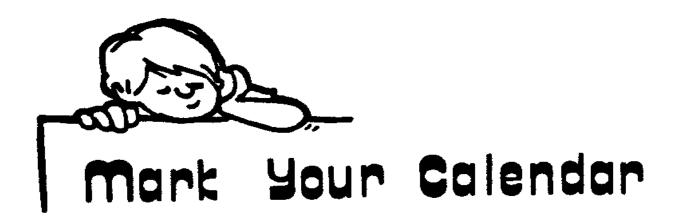
Boys- Dress pants, dress skirts and dress shoes.

# **Music Awards**

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir members are eligible for the following awards

**Outstanding Vocalists**: Given to a select group of students who have displayed outstanding vocal skills, hard work, and dedication.

**Singer of the Year:** Given to one student that has demonstrated outstanding vocal skills, leadership, and attitude.



# Hayfield 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Calendar 2017-2018

| Date                      | Time    | Event             | Place |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
| December 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 pm | Holiday Concert   | ннѕ   |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>     | 7:30 pm | Midwinter Concert | ннѕ   |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:30 pm | Spring Concert    | ннѕ   |
|                           |         |                   |       |

| I have read the 2017-2018 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Handbook and understand the class expectations. |      |  |  |  |  |
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| Student signature   | Date |  |  |  |  |
| Parent signature  | Date |  |  |  |  |