

Meet the Director of Choral Activities at Palisades High School 2022-2023



Mr. Eugene Bumgardner is a graduate of Gardner Webb University where he majored in music education with a concentration in voice. He has taught high school choral music for 37 years. He taught 30 years at Kings Mountain High School where his group received superior ratings for 27 consecutive years. After retiring from NC, he taught at Gaffney High for one year, 5 years at Northwestern High school in Rock Hill, S.C. where his groups placed second in the state twice and taught the next year at South Pointe High School on an interim basis for 8 months. He directed the South Pointe Concert Choir to a superior rating at state contest and a first place finish and a “Best in Class” award in the Disney Choral festival in Orlando. His groups have received superior ratings at state contests in North and South Carolina and at national contest festivals in Atlanta, Washington, Virginia and Orlando, Florida. His choirs have performed by invitation to NCMEA, SCACDA, SCMEA as well as Southern Division ACDA. His Kings Mountain Symphonic Chorale performed the national anthem for the Atlanta Braves two different times. He has the distinct honor of being the first clinician to conduct the North Carolina Junior High Honor Chorus at the state convention in Winston Salem. He is in demand and has conducted clinics in North and South Carolina area festivals. In 2019, Mr. Bumgardner was inducted to the NCMEA “Hall of Fame” of the High School Choral Section.

Palisades High School Choral Department

Announcement.

Any choral student who is registered for chorus and would like to audition for the North Carolina High School Honor Chorus Clinic, should contact Mr. Bumgardner, Choral Director of the Palisades Choral Department. My email address is charlesfaye1954@hotmail.com. Copies of the audition piece of music are available now. If you have any questions about this audition, please feel free to contact me. **Any student who is not a current member of the high school chorus but would like to sign up for chorus for next year, please feel free to contact me at the same email address or go to this link on google and fill out the “information of interest” in the choral program. Copy the link into your browser and fill out the form send it to me at my email.**

<https://forms.gle/mD9dUhuMFwe2QQ4w5>

Purpose of the North Carolina Honor Chorus

- A. To honor outstanding singers from high school choral music programs in our state by giving them the opportunity to perform at the highest level of achievement.
- B. To provide an outstanding educational experience for both the students and the teachers of choral programs across the state.
- C. The choral member must be enrolled in a scheduled choral class, which receives one unit of credit in the current school year.

Quota and General Information

- A. The group should consist of only the most outstanding voices which will be selected by objective auditions
- B. There will be a chorus of mixed voices with approximately 176 students drawn from students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- C. The Honors Chorus will perform at the NCMEA Fall In-Service Conference in Winston Salem.
- D. The Honors Chorus will rehearse for two days prior to performance
- E. All students auditioning for a particular voice part shall be heard by the same judge.
- F. Results of the auditions will be sent the following week.
- G. The number of auditionees from a school should not exceed ten percent (15%) of that school's choral enrollment

-

Regulations

- A. Auditions for the Honors Chorus will be the last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in September in Central, Eastern, and Western locations.
- B. Registered students are required to attend all rehearsals, the final concert, and any other activities planned by the Choral Section board or Honors Chorus Coordinator during the event.
- D. Each student must know the music thoroughly although not necessarily from memory. There will be a screening of students prior to the first rehearsal. If a student arrives after the screening has started then the student will be screened individually. If a student arrives after the screening is completed they will be ineligible to participate. Students who are not adequately prepared will be sent home with no refund. A letter will be sent

informing the school's principal of the student's elimination from the event.

E. Students will sing their voice part from the designated audition selection. Students will also be required to display abilities in sight singing and vocalizations at the discretion of the judges.

F. A simple rating form used by the adjudicators will be returned to teachers for each participating student

NC HONOR CHORUS INFORMATION SHEET (EASY ACCESS)

HONOR Chorus audition piece

<https://youtu.be/JVSJrQAQ0EI>

Sightreading practice auditions

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/rehearsal-tracks-1/soprano-tracks>

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/rehearsal-tracks-1/alto-track>

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/rehearsal-tracks-1/tenor-tracks>

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/rehearsal-tracks-1/bass-tracks>

Where we go to audition

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/dates-and-venues>

HONOR CHORUS FLIER

[2022 NC High School Honors Chorus Information Flier](#)

WORKSHOPS FOR HONOR CHORUS

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/workshops>

WHY HONOR CHORUS EXISTS...

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea-hs-honors-chorus/about-us>



Choral
Department

