

CONCERT CALENDAR

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at SMS. Singers will report at 7 p.m. for warm-ups/lineup. If concert information changes for any reason, notification will be sent home or available online.

WINTER CONCERTS

Wednesday, December 5

Seventh Grade Cooper/Popham Chorus

Thursday, December 6

Sixth Grade Butler/Fountain Chorus

Wednesday, December 12

Sixth Grade Cooper/Popham Chorus

Thursday, December 13

Eighth Grade Cooper/Popham/Choice Chorus

Wednesday, December 19

Eighth Grade Butler/Fountain Chorus
Seventh Grade Butler/Fountain/Choice Chorus

Spring Concerts

Wednesday, May 22

Eighth Grade Butler/Fountain Chorus
Seventh Grade Butler/Fountain/Choice Chorus

Tuesday, May 28

Sixth Grade Choruses

Wednesday, May 29

Eighth Grade Cooper/Popham Chorus
Seventh Grade Cooper/Popham Chorus

CONCERT ATTENDANCE

Since chorus is a team effort, concert attendance is mandatory. An absence without the approval of the director will be considered as an unexcused absence and will be reflected adversely in the student's quarterly grade.

Absences will be excused for personal illness or family emergency only. Before an absence is considered excused, a written note signed by the parent must be delivered to the director prior to the absence when possible, but not later than within three school days after the student returns. Verbal or student-written excuses are not acceptable.

A make-up for an excused absence is at the sole discretion of the director; make-ups will not be given for unexcused absences.

Faculty may be reached at 721-2600.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Girls:

Black or very dark solid skirt or dress slacks; white shirt or blouse (nothing sleeveless, please); dark shoes. If stockings are worn, they should be natural flesh tone.

Boys:

Black or dark solid dress slacks; white shirt with long dark tie, dark shoes and socks.

Avoid sneakers, sparkly jewelry, and heavy scents.

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SCARSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**CHORUS
HANDBOOK**



WELCOME TO CHORUS!

We are looking forward to sharing a rewarding year! Chorus is a team effort; *Together Everyone Achieves More.*

We all share responsibility in the group. This handbook was developed for both student and parent/guardian so that guidelines for a successful and productive year can lead to opportunities for enrichment and creative expression through the arts!

Be on Time and Be Prepared

- Please sit in your assigned seat for accurate attendance.
- Lateness reflects your effort.
- Report to class in person first; a pass to the nurse, house counselor, youth outreach, or psychologist is granted only after checking in with the music teacher
- Be ready to sing - - no gum, food, or drinks, except water.
- Bring a folder, pencils, and manuscript paper.

Follow Directions

- Always participate with 110% effort starting with the warm-ups.
- Listen actively; focus on the music.
- Ask permission for playing the piano or writing on the dry erase board.

Take Care of Property & Equipment.

- Chorus binders and music are your responsibility to keep in good condition. Music will be collected and checked for rehearsal markings and diction cues.
- Keep your backpack and other personal items under your chair or out of the way.
- Any trash goes into the wastebasket.

Respect Your Classmates and Teachers

- Contribute to the success of our chorus.
- Support the effort of other singers. Be kind. Be positive.
- A change from one activity to another is a good chance to rest the voice. Don't use the time to chat.
- Respond to teacher questions or indicate a wish to speak by raising your hand and waiting to be called on. Speak in a polite manner.
- Respect substitute teachers and be cooperative, attentive, and productive.
- During sectionals, stay focused on your specific task. Allow the class to work effectively.
- Respect your classmates' "space."
- Respect different learning abilities of your peers.

Respect Yourself

- Be the best you can be - - your best will get better!
- Don't let others "carry you" - - keep singing!

- Decide that you want to develop your voice.
- Avoid being a distraction to others.
- Keep yourself tuned in to your singing and class work.
- Apply what you learn. Share ideas.
- Ask the teacher for help when you don't understand.

Grading Policy

As a singer, your grade will be dependent on the following criteria:

- Participation, effort, and a positive attitude
- Two early morning mandatory rehearsals and concert attendance
- Written work, assessments, chorus rubric, small group work, & homework
- Demonstrating knowledge of your voice parts in all musical selections
- Demonstrating good posture, vocal technique, & music skills

Special Opportunities

- All-County Chorus (WCSMA); Elementary (Grade 6) participates in the All-District Chorus *By audition.* Intermediate (Grades 7 & 8) *By audition.*
- NYSSMA Solo Festival
- ACDA events *By audition.*
- SMS Vocal Club
- Eighth Grade Musical