

**BCLUW Middle School
Choral Department
Handbook
2017-2018**

Philosophy

Students in the BCLUW Choral Program will grow as musicians and as individuals while creating music together. The students will learn to successfully read music notation and will become accurate sight-readers. They will attain knowledge in proper vocal technique and in healthy voice use. Through participation in the choral ensembles, the student will develop discipline in the craft and responsibility in upholding his or her own tasks. These skills will aid the student not only in the choral setting, but in daily life.

Expectations and Procedures

1. Students will be in their assigned seat with all required materials when the bell rings. Leave bags in lockers unless otherwise specified.
2. Students will respect everyone and everything in the room, including fellow students, directors/accompanists, and will be respectful of the space and equipment.
3. Food and beverage are not allowed in the music room. Bottled water is allowed.
4. Students should refrain from talking during rehearsals.
5. Cell phones and gum are not permitted in rehearsals. If you are afraid you will be tempted by your phone, Mr. Jahn will keep it in a safe place for you.



Classroom Management and Discipline Plan

1. Warning
2. Misconduct
3. Office referral and detention

During any off-campus events, students are expected to strictly adhere to both school and choral regulations.

You are a representative of the choir, and of BCLUW Schools, and should behave as such.

Grading

30% Daily participation. Up to 10 points will be given every week for participation and appropriate behavior in class.

40% Required events. 100 points will be given for each required performance attended. Excused absences may be made up for 100% credit. Unexcused absences may be made up for 70% credit.

15% Tests. Multiple tests will be given during the year. These will include written tests, voice tests covering songs sung in choir, and/or sight singing tests.

15% Assignments. Any assignments given in choir.



Middle School Choir Schedule/Events

- Oct. 19, All Day: Vocal Festival, East Marshall High School
- Nov. 10, 2:00 PM: Veterans Day Program, Middle School
- Dec. 13, 7:00 PM: Christmas Concert, Middle School
- Mar. 8, 7:00 PM: 5-12 Vocal Concert, Middle School
- May 14, 7:00 PM: 5-8 Concert, Middle School

Notes: This calendar is subject to change.

Websites

The BCLUW Choir website will contain valuable information pertaining to dates, performances, etc. It will be updated periodically throughout the year and is located at this address: <http://bcluwchoir.weebly.com/>.

Concert AttireGentlemen:

Wear a dress shirt with a collar and nice slacks. No shorts or jeans (very nice black jeans are acceptable.) Ties are encouraged.

Ladies:

Please wear conservative formal attire. Dress slacks or a long skirt or long dress. Dresses shorter than knee length are inappropriate for a concert.

Please wear dress shoes and socks that are appropriate for walking on risers – no heels, ladies.

Parent Letters

A letter is included on the next page to parents and guardians. This letter must be signed and submitted to Mr. Jahn by Friday, September 1st. A grade will be given for this submission and counted as an assignment.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your child this school year! I look forward to working closely with you and communicating with you, so that together we can make this year one of rewarding educational and musical experiences for your son or daughter.

Please take a moment to read the BCLUW Middle School Choir Handbook. It contains important information regarding required dates, events, and expectations. After you have read it, please sign and return the form at the bottom of this page, indicating that you have read the handbook, understand the requirements, and are aware of the other information it contains.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Jahn

Director of Choirs, BCLUW High School and Middle School

Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

We have read the Choir Handbook and understand the information about expectations, required events, and other choir policies.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Student Date