

Hello Bolts,

I am so excited to welcome you all back to school and to a great year in choir classes. Please note, all concert dates, materials, need to know info, is all in this letter. I apologize for the length of this letter but I hope it will leave you with all the knowledge you'll need for your year in High School Choir.

PERFORMANCE DATES:

(All performances are required and mandatory)

- 1. Our Winter Concert is Friday December 12th at 6pm. Students are to be on stage at 5:00 pm in their attire, ready to warm up and rehearse. (THIS PERFORMANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MS AND HS ENSEMBLES)**
- 2. Our Spring Concert date is not official yet, but it will either be Wednesday May 13th or Thursday May 14th at 6pm. Students are to be on stage at 5:00 pm in their attire, ready to warm up and rehearse (THIS PERFORMANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MS AND HS ENSEMBLES)**
- 3. Night of the Arts date and time is TBD (Will be in the later part of the spring (April or May))**

ATTIRE:

Attire for all students is all black. Outfits can range from anything to a skirt and blouse, or a dress, to pants and a shirt or blouse, with **BLACK SHOES**. Please make sure that skirt/dress length is to at least the knee, if shorter, please wear black leggings as well. All attire must follow the schools dress code.

DURING THE CONCERT:

Since our concerts will feature multiple groups, all students from all groups are required to stay for the entirety of the concert. This is to ensure each group gets a full audience and the different ensembles can support each other. Most concerts range from 40mins- a little over an hour.

SEATING

Audience may begin finding seating at 5:30. There is handicap accessible drop off in the front and back of the school for those who are in need of this capability. If you or any

family members have accessibility needs, please let me know by Wednesday 12/10 so we can make accommodations. There will be a reserved area for those with accessibility needs. There will be enough space for 2 people per family reservation in this area and will only have enough space for the people who reach out and reserve a spot by 12/10.

RECORDINGS

Finally, the concert will be recorded and available to students to share with family and friends as they choose after the concert. I will send a copy of the concert to students via GoogleDrive within 24 hours of the concert. Feel free to record and take pictures (without flash) during any and all performances unless specified.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS:

All musical material for class will be provided by Mrs. Wilson in class. However, please make sure students have a **refillable water bottle** and **pencils (NOT PENS)**.

I do recommend that students get a singers mask if they plan to use a mask during the school year or if a student is ill and attending school. These masks are designed to be worn while singing which make mouth movement and breathing easier. I have attached a link to my preferred mask below but if you find something comparable, feel free to use that.

Choir Mask:

<https://a.co/d/i6ASPMr>

EXTRA PRACTICE:

Private lessons are a great and extremely beneficial tool when developing your vocal abilities. If you are in need of private instruction, there are tons of studios in the Asheville area that cater to vocalists of all ranges and styles. If you're interested, please reach out to me and I will send a list of recommendations based on your vocal range, type, genre preferred singing, etc.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting all of you and cannot wait to have a great year with you.

Musically,

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