

Mount Vernon Middle School Choirs 2018-2019

Grades will be calculated upon the following weighted categories:

Concert Attendance	40%
Daily Participation	35%
Written Assignments/Quizzes/Moodle	25%

Concert Attendance Policy

Members of choirs are expected and required to attend and participate in all scheduled and related events. Please note the following excused exceptions:

If an absence is the result of: 1) Personal illness or injury 2) Death in the family 3) An event (such as a family wedding or family graduation) it will be counted as an excused absence.

Not all absences are excused. Unexcused absences will receive a zero for the concert grade.

If it is illness, upon the student's return to school, a note must be brought in to Mrs. Bell stating the reason for the absence.

If it is a planned event, please give at least **TWO WEEKS** written notice so that adjustments can be made before the performance.

IF the absence is excused, the student will be expected to make a recording of all the music that he/she would have performed and turn in the recording within five school days of the missed performance, and full credit for the graded recording will be assigned. If no recording is submitted, or is submitted late, then a zero will be entered for the concert grade. Recordings must be submitted through the student's account in Charms. (www.charmsoffice.com)

If the absence is unexcused, a zero will be entered for the concert grade.

Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts between extra-curricular athletic events and co-curricular programs. In the event that a conflict does occur (i.e.: a re-scheduled baseball or softball game), the student will be expected to fulfill the graded course obligation first.

Concert Attire - This year the choirs will be wearing shirts especially designed for the middle school choral department. More information will be sent home in the next 2 weeks. All students will be required to wear their choir shirt with khaki pants for the October, March and May concerts. No flip flops are allowed. **Points will be deducted from the concert grade for improper uniform.** The December concert will be combined with the high school and will be held at MVNU. In keeping with the formal attire that the high school students wear, I ask that for the following in December: Girls: nice dresses or skirts & blouses and dress shoes. Boys: dress shirt with collar, long tie, dress pants, and dress shoes. (*When purchasing concert apparel keep in mind that dress for school activities must meet the school dress code. For example spaghetti strap dresses are not allowed.*)

Daily Participation -

- Bring your music and folder everyday – Mrs. Bell will provide a folder to each student at the beginning of each quarter to protect music/materials. Each student is responsible for turning in music that is assigned to them. Lost music will be assessed a replacement cost.
- Bring a pencil everyday – Put one in your folder
- Be on time
- Get rid of gum when you come in. Chewing gum is a safety hazard in this class. Detentions will be assigned.
- Participate in class when your section is to be working.

Written Assignments/Quizzes/Moodle –

- Bell work and quizzes
- Singing quizzes – Charms, Smart Music
- Online assignments
- Check your school email frequently

Extra Credit – Extra credit may be earned during the nine weeks as follows:

Attendance at other choral performances 5 points

Concert Solos 5 points

Other opportunities may be added by the director as opportunities arise.

Concert Dates

Monday, October 15	7:00/7:30/8:00 pm	MS Commons
Monday, December 17	7:00 pm	MVNU
Monday, March 11	7:00/7:30/8:00 pm	MS Commons
Monday, April 29	7:00 pm	HS Theater

THIS PAGE IS TO BE READ, SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE CHOIR DIRECTOR. THIS IS YOUR FIRST WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT. IT IS DUE THE SECOND FRIDAY OF SCHOOL (August 24, 2018)

I have read the entire handbook and understand that I must abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth.

Student's signature

date

Parent's signature

date

Parent's email address – please print clearly

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I hereby grant permission for my child _____ to accompany the Mount Vernon Middle School Choral Department on the following trips:

Concert Rehearsal – December 17, 2018 - MVNU Chapel

I understand the arrangements and believe that the necessary precautions and plans for the care and supervision of the children during the trip will be observed.

Date

Signature of parent

Middle School Choir

T-shirt Order Form

Middle School Choir T-Shirts

Name _____ Grade _____

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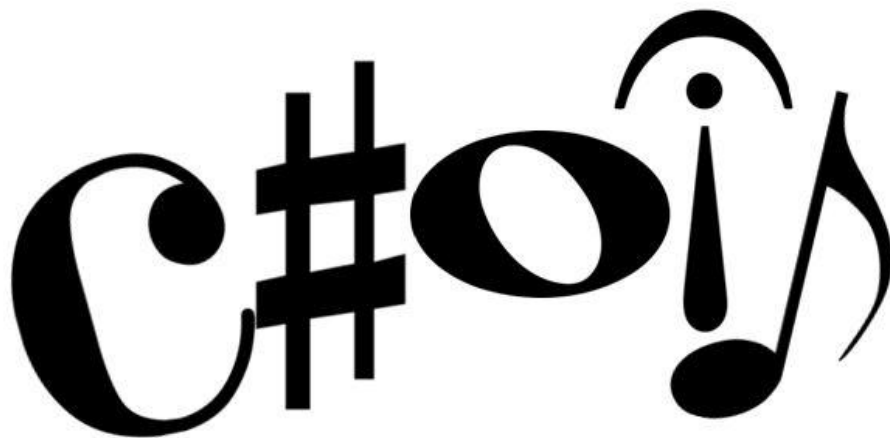
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All shirts are \$8.00 each

checks payable to: **Mount Vernon Music Boosters**



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