

CHiRP

HIGHMARK ELEMENTARY CHOIR

HANDBOOK 2021-2022



Director Information

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Choir Information

Price: Free (optional t-shirt to wear for performances available for purchase)

Meets: Christmas Choir: Wednesdays 09/08/21 - 12/8/21
7:45-8:15 a.m.

No practice 10/13/21 and 11/24/21

Spring Choir: Wednesdays 02/02/22 - 05/04/22
7:45-8:15 a.m.

No practice 04/06/22

Location: Library

Performances: Christmas Choir: 12/8/21 7:00 @ HighMark Gym
Spring Choir: 05/4/22 7:00 @ HighMark Gym
(extra performances TBD)

Ensemble Purpose

The purpose of the Chirp Choir is to offer students in third to sixth grade an opportunity to further their musical knowledge by learning to sing advanced pieces and by performing as a group.

Objectives

The objectives of the Chirp Choir shall be to:

1. Use our voices properly to sing advanced songs.
2. Work together as a group to create harmonies and a full choir sound.
3. Enhance cooperation and teamwork skills.
4. Increase self-esteem and confidence by performing regularly.
5. Strive for good character and academic excellence.

Attendance

Attendance at before school rehearsals is very important. Each student will play a unique role and part in the ensemble. When everyone is not present, parts will be missing and it makes it more difficult for the group to rehearse. For this reason, it is important that

students only miss when **absolutely necessary**. It is the student's responsibility to inform the director when they must miss a rehearsal as far in advance as possible. Missing more than two consecutive practices without notification and a legitimate excuse will result in dismissal from the ensemble.

Siblings

If a choir member has siblings that are dropped off with them in the morning, please know that the siblings are **not** allowed to be in the choir practice area. They will **not** have supervision. They will need to sit quietly in their classroom and **cannot** be wandering the halls or playing anywhere in the school.

Student Expectations

1. Do your best

- ✓ Always give your best effort, both in school and in rehearsals.
- ✓ Be responsible for yourself and your supplies.
- ✓ Be in your place and ready to go when rehearsal starts.
- ✓ Do your best to know your music and your parts for each rehearsal.
- ✓ Show up to rehearsals and performances on time and prepared.
- ✓ Stick with the ensemble for the entire season.

2. Respect others, including your peers, your director, and supplies.

- ✓ Be supportive of your friends. We will all make mistakes.
- ✓ Listen to directions and do your best to follow them the first time.
- ✓ Sing when instructed to sing, and be quiet and attentive during rehearsal when not singing.
- ✓ Participate actively and appropriately.

2. Mighty fine attitude.

- ✓ Come to rehearsal with a positive attitude.
- ✓ Have fun!



In order for us all to have fun and learn from the ensemble, the above expectations must be met by every member. Chirp choir is a privilege not a right. The ensemble and its members should represent HighMark at all times. Students who exhibit poor behavior in rehearsals, at school, or on the playground may be put on probation or dismissed from the ensemble permanently. All students are expected to follow school rules at all times. Any

suspension from school will result in immediate dismissal from the ensemble. In addition, choir students must maintain passing grades. Classroom teachers will inform me of any student whose grades are not satisfactory. Students will be given a probation period to focus on raising any failing grades. If a student's grades are not raised by the next progress report, he/she will be dismissed from the ensemble.

If there are any questions or concerns about this handbook, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very excited to be working with your child this year. Please fill-out and submit the attached information page showing that you have read, understand, and agree to the expectations and conditions set forth in this handbook. We will be communicating through the Remind app. Please sign up at www.remind.com/join/vmiehl or text @vmiehl to 81010.

Thank you for your cooperation!



HighMark Elementary Chirp Choir

2021-2022



Student Information

Students' Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Any music experience, such as lessons? _____

Anything else I should know? (allergies, pertinent learning disabilities, etc.)

I'm signing up for: Christmas choir Spring choir Both choirs

Parent/Guardian Information

Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-mail address(es): _____

Who should be my primary contact? _____

Which way would you prefer to be contacted? Phone or E-mail

Handbook Contracts

I have read, understand, and agree to the Expectations in the HighMark Elementary Chirp Choir Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____