

Salem-Keizer School District 24-J

# Whiteaker Middle School Choral Handbook

2016 - 17 School Year



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Dear Choir Members, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to the Whiteaker Middle School Choir Program for the 2015-16 school year! The Whiteaker Choir Program has a long standing tradition of being one of the top all around choral programs in the North West. We take pride in our school, our program, and our community! We are looking forward to another fantastic year full of great musical experiences.

This handbook was designed to answer most of your questions with regard to the year's choir ensembles, grading, fundraising, performances, and much more. I hope you find the information useful.

## Code Of Conduct

### What do I do when it comes to:

Behavior, getting to class, how to be a quality team member, ect...

*Do the right thing at the right time!*

In life and in the classroom we need to do a variety of things to live and be a successful student and a successful and healthy person. Our theme this year is knowing what to do and when to do it to help yourself and the program be a success!

### IN LIFE

**Eating** – we need a good breakfast, lunch, and dinner to be able to function at our best.

Good food in = happy body and brain. Garbage in, garbage out!

**Sleeping** – When it's time to sleep turn your phone off and rest 7-10 hours, you will be and feel better.

**Playing** – When it's time to exercise and have fun go for it, it's needed in life.

**Work** – Stay focused and do it to your best ability.

### In Choir

**Arrive** – Be in your seat when the bell rings with materials and awesome positive attitude.

**Participate** – When it's time to get to it give your full focus and energy to the team.

**Everyone, all the time, all the way = amazing choir**

**Think of others needs before your own = unselfish**

**Persevere** – When things get tough – push through and conquer the task!

**Attend** – When it's class time, concert time, field-trip time be there for the team.

**When to/not talk** – Know when and when not to talk!

**Integrity** – Do the right thing even when no one is looking (sectionals, practice rooms, field-trips, sub)

**Getting along with others** – Find thoughts and words that life up, not tare someone or the group down.

**If it's not nice don't say it.**

# Grading Policy



There are 3 components that comprise the scoring system in choir.

1. Daily attendance to class, sectionals, and other designated events.
2. Theory quizzes, voice testing, assignments.
3. Concert performance.

**Choir classes are performance based. Students will receive a performance schedule the beginning of each semester. The only excuses for missing a concert are serious illness, family emergency, an extended absence that has been pre-excused through the school office. The director must be notified in advanced 2 weeks for the absence to be excused, except in an emergency situation.**

**Make-up work can be done for excused absences. Unexcused absences can only get partial points on a make-up assignment as in life we have natural consequences for lack of responsibility and planning.**

## Viva Voce Concerts 2016 – 17 (as of Sept 1, concerts may be added)

October 18 <sup>th</sup>	McNary Area Concert	7pm	McNary High School	Robe Attire
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> ?	Salem Middle School Fall Festival	8-2:30?	Peoples Church	Choir shirt and jeans
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Concert	7pm	Dayspring Church	Robe Attire
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Capital Concert	11:30	Sate Capital	Robe Attire
Feburary 23,24	Choir Cabaret	7pm	Salem Alliance Church	Costume
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Choir Festival	Evening	North Salem High School	Robe Attire
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Whiteaker Invitational	School Day	Dayspring Church	Robe Attire
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of year Concert	7pm	Dayspring Church	TBA

Viva Voce is the elite ensemble at Whiteaker and has a reputation of being among the top ensembles in the NW. With that in mind we expect that participants will make the above dates their top priority on those days if conflicts may be the case. If there are further concerns please communicate with Mr. Thomas.

Parent initials\_\_\_\_\_ Student initials\_\_\_\_\_

### Honor Choir Opportunity

**Salem all-city honor choir** is for those 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade singers interested in auditioning to be apart this select ensemble of the best singers from middle schools in Salem. Singers are highly encouraged to audition for this truly awesome experience! This years director is Eugene Rogers from Michigan State, absolutely amazing director!!!

Auditions -

Sectionals January 17,24, Feb. 2,3 sectionals in the evenings

All City Honor Choir Concert – 7pm

## Performances/Concert Dress

### Group Uniformity

For all groups: Uniformity in dress is one way that we can show our school, and choir team spirit. Along with showing our pride and commitment we must also show our respect for one another and the group...and we want to look good!!!

Robe attire is - Guys – Choir t-shirt, black slacks, black socks, black dress shoe.

Girls – Choir t-shirt, black or skin below choir robe, black flat or 1 inch heel or less.

## Calling All Parents!!!



Come join our strong, supportive group of choir parents!

### **CHOIR BOOSTERS**

We need you! The booster club is an important parent support service to the choir program. We meet as needed to discuss how we can best support the choir program and the needs of running a program that is going above and beyond to give the choirs the best music education possible.

### Current Booster Officers

**President:** Sonya Blair    **Vice President:** Camille Zuro    **Secretary/Fundraising:** Sarah Grimmer    **Treasurer:**    **Trip Coordinator:** Rochelle Gould

### Appointed Positions

**Robe Assistance: ?    Concert Assistant?    6<sup>th</sup>: Grade Reps: ?**

## Come get involved with our dynamic team!

**Next Booster/Cabaret info. Meeting**

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 pm in the Whiteaker Choir room**

**Come to the east side back choir room door**

**Come find out about what's going on this year along with give your input on the ways we can keep giving a music experience that goes above and beyond!**

**Booster meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis. Typically 3 a year.**

## **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

All info. Calendars, forms, pictures, and information is posted on our website

[www.whiteakerchoir.org](http://www.whiteakerchoir.org)

Or type in Whiteaker Choir and it will come up

## **Parent Help Sign-up**

Parents will be asked to assist with a variety of projects throughout the year. Please check the one(s) that interest you. I will be in contact with more info.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent board members. Get the lay of the Whiteaker choir land and assist as needed.
- Concert attire assistance for each choir. Robe assistance. Help get the kids looking good.
- Concert supervision for 1 concert. Sit with you singers choir in the auditorium or at Whiteaker.  
You will get to see your singer perform.
- Call me when you need help.

Your involvement in this year's music activities will be appreciated and rewarding. Your involvement is very important to the success and enjoyment of your student. Thank you for your willingness to become involved.

**Please return with the signed permission slip by Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Choir Cabaret**

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Salem Alliance Church

**Details to come at the booster/Cabaret meeting Sept.13<sup>th</sup>**

For those of you that are new to the program, each year we put on a special "concert on steroids". It consists of an hour forty five minute show and auction, where this year we will be performing musical selections from Broadway and Disney in a production setting with staging, lights, and all kinds of fun!, along with a fundraising component where we serve beverages, yummy desserts, and do a silent and oral auction. We made over **\$18,000** last year and this year we are working towards that same goal! Check out last year's performance on youtube. Type in, Whiteaker Choir cabaret 2014 and you can check it out!

### **Cabaret coordinators/lead team**

**Sonya Blair, Camille Zuro, Sarah Grimmer, Leanna Brown**

**Would love to have you on this dynamic team of parents!**

# Permission Form/Handbook Receipt

Name of Student(print)\_\_\_\_\_

Choir: Viva Voce

In order for my child, a minor, named below, to take part in and receive the advantages of a program planned and sponsored by Salem-Keizer School District, I hereby give permission for him/her to participate in any or all of the trips included in the choral music program at Whiteaker for 2015-16.

I further acknowledge that transportation may be provided at the discretion of the school district as is approved by the superintendent. I grant permission for my child to be photographed or video/audio taped in conjunction with these activities/performances. I authorize Salem-Keizer and its employees to secure the services of emergency transportation, a physician or hospital in the event of an accident or illness, and I assume responsibility for the expenses and will provide repayment of these costs.

Print - Parent/Guardian Name1(first and last):\_\_\_\_\_

Print - Parent/Guardian Name 2 (first and last):\_\_\_\_\_

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**We have received the choir handbook and agree to the information therein.**

Parent Initials:\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent Information

All information will be taken of the new district Synergy program, so please make sure it is up-dated.

**\* I use e-mail as a way to communicate with parents on a regular basis- very important!**

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## Parent Approval & Medical Release

**Parent approval/medical release statement:** I encourage and authorize my child to participate in the events scheduled for the Whiteaker Choir Program. I hereby authorize the school district and its employees to treat my child for medical problems that may arise while attending choir events, which may include professional assistance in emergency situations. I assume financial responsibility for all health care costs.

**Parent/Guardian Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

*\* These forms will only be kept on file as long as they are needed for choir events. They will be shredded at the end of the school year.*

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# Cabaret 2017 Volunteer Form

Parent help is key to the success of the show!

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(cell preferred)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name\_\_\_\_\_ Choir (circle)– Viva Voce, Tenor Bass, Presto

Below are our various committees. Please let us know which areas you would like to help in. If there is more than one area, please circle the area that interests you most as 1, second most as 2, etc. If you would like to head a committee – circle "Leader".

<b>Performer Management.</b> Sit with kids while they watch a movie back stage.	Leader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Clean up	Leader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Costume assistance	Leader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Moving crew. Move risers to and from the event.	Leader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Food and Beverage	Camille	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Decorations/Set-up	Sonya	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Assistant to Andy	Leader												
Ushers and Greeters	Leader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Other areas already taken care of. Ticket Sales – Shawna Toavs Volunteer Coordinator – Sarah Grimmer.

\_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to volunteer at this time.

Parent initials\_\_\_\_\_ My child brought me this paper and discussed the Cabaret with me.

**Please return with the permission slip to the Booster meeting or in class by Sept.13**