



HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

"We are not limited by our abilities, only by our attitudes." -Anonymous

I am excited to begin a new semester with the HHS Choir! **Students and parents, PLEASE TEXT @hhssing to 81010 to join the Remind group. Everyone needs to sign up again, the old class has been archived. ALL students and parents need to be in the group.** Students should also join the HHS Choir Google Classroom. The new class code is: **3dsupwl** Please visit www.heritagehighchorus.weebly.com for details about student leadership, classroom procedures, choral honors, and performance standards.

REQUIRED FEES:

- Checks should always be made to HHS (include phone number & student name on check).
- **All students** will need to send in \$16 for a choir t-shirt. This money will be due Tuesday, September 5.
- **Girls** will need to purchase a formal choir dress. Money is due Tuesday, September 5. The dress will be \$76 if you can hem it yourself or \$91 if you would like it to be hemmed for you. Girls will send in the money to school and I will make one group order. T-shirt money may be included in the same check.
- **Boys** should purchase a black long sleeved, button up dress shirt, black dress pants, black belt, black dress shoes, and black socks for their formal wear. I will not be placing an order for the boys formal wear, so please find these items on your own. I would also like for you to purchase the white bowtie from HHS. This will be \$5, due September 5. All formal concert attire should be purchased yourself before the Fall Concert on Thursday, October 19.

FUNDRAISING:

- Students may choose to sell Krispy Kreme certificates to offset the cost of their formal dress, t-shirt, honor choirs, and/or their spring trip. A certificate for one dozen doughnuts is \$14. (Students will receive \$7.00 credit in their chorus account for every \$14 certificate sold - 50% profit.) The fundraiser dates are August 7-18. All certificate money is due on August 18. This fundraiser is optional..

MATERIALS:

- **CHROMEBOOK** - Make sure your chromebook is charged each day when you bring it to class.
- **EARBUDS** - Bring earbuds to class with you EVERYDAY.
- **PENCIL** – Students will need to bring a pencil with an eraser to class each day.
- **FOLDER WITH MUSIC** – This is provided, but students must be responsible for taking care of it. The music stays at school. **If music is destroyed or lost, the student must pay to replace it.**

GRADES:

- **PERFORMANCE POLICY – 30%** - Choir is a performance based class.
****Dress rehearsals and concerts are requirements for this class and will be a significant part of the grade. Please add the required dates to your calendar now.****
- **CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADE- 50%** - Students may earn twenty points each day to receive a weekly grade of one hundred points. To earn a perfect participation grade, a student must be prepared for class and give their best effort. If a student has an excused absence, the twenty points for the missed class may be made up. Students choose a day, come to the choir room for 25 minutes during the lunch hour, listen, sing, and memorize their parts, and **sign the notebook** to earn their twenty points for the missed class. Students have two weeks from the date of the excused absence to complete their rehearsal during lunch. Unexcused absences may **not** be made up.
- **QUIZZES – 20%** - Students will take quizzes on musical concepts including basic music theory, music history, music appreciation, sight singing, and music transfers.

CLASSROOM RULES:

- Be in your seat when the bell rings with your music folder, earbuds, chromebook, and pencil.
- Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
- No food, drinks, or gum should enter the classroom. (Water bottles are okay!)
- Stay seated during the entire class period unless directed otherwise by the teacher.
- Be engaged in the rehearsal.
- **NO CELL PHONES IN CLASS.** They should be silenced and packed up inside your bag against the wall **at all times.**

CELL PHONE CONSEQUENCES:

- If a cell phone is out at **any time** during class, I will confiscate it. The student may pick it up with me at the end of the school day. If there is a second offense, I will write the student up as well as taking the phone to the main office to be picked up by a parent after the school day has ended.

Please keep the first calendar for your reference. Sign the last page and return.

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You may text me through the chat feature on Remind or contact me in the following ways:
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Your copy to keep:

Heritage High School Concert Choir Calendar 2023-2024

Required Events

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - T-shirt money and Choir Dress money due
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - Fall Concert Rehearsal - 2:30-4:00 p.m. in HHS Theater
Thursday, October 19, 2023 - Fall Concert - 6:30 p.m. call time, 7:00 p.m. concert in HHS Theater
Thursday, November 9, 2023 - HMS/HHS Veterans Day Concert - HHS Theater - call time 6:30, concert @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - Holiday Concert Rehearsal - HHS Theater - 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 7, 2023 - HMS/HHS Chorus Holiday Concert - HHS Theater - 6:30 p.m. call, 7:00 p.m. concert
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Pre-Festival Concert HMS/HHS Bands & Choir
March 18-20, 2024 - Chorus LGPE (date is tentative: March 18, 19, OR 20 are the possible options)
Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Six Flags over Georgia Music In The Parks competition
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - Spring Concert Rehearsal - 2:30-4:00 p.m. in HHS Theater
Friday, May 10, 2024 - Spring Concert - call time 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Optional Events

Monday - Friday, August 7-18, 2023 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser (\$14 per certificate)
Wednesday, August 23, 2023 - Auditions for GMEA District 7 Honor Choir during class
Friday, August 25, 2023 - Permission form and money due for those selected for District Honor Choir
Friday, August 25, 2023 - Permission form and money due for all participating in GSU "SingFest!"
Thursday, September 7, 2023 - All-State screening auditions in class
Monday, September 11, 2023 - Permission form & money due for those selected to audition for All-State
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - Georgia State University "SingFest!" - extended day field trip
Saturday, November 4, 2023 - All-State Chorus 1st Audition @ Woodland High School
Monday, November 13, 2023 - District Honor Choir @ Woodland High School - extended day field trip
Monday - Friday, January 8-19, 2024 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser
Thursday, January 18, 2024 - All-State Chorus 2nd audition (tentative date)
Thursday- Saturday, February 15-17, 2024 - All-State Chorus event, The Classic Center, Athens, GA
Friday, March 8, 2024 - GHSA Region Literary competition @ Carroll County Performing Arts Center
Saturday, March 2024 - GHSA State Literary competition - Date and Place To Be Determined

Other required performances may be added during the school year. I will make you aware of them as soon as possible. Check the "Calendar" link on the website for these dates and details:

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Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email for newsletter (please print clearly): _____

Parent Telephone: _____

I have read the Heritage High School Chorus syllabus. I have also read the information on the website (www.heritagehighchorus.weebly.com). I understand that there are mandatory after school rehearsal and performance dates listed on the other side of this paper that will be a significant part of the choir grade. My student will be at all of the required rehearsals and performances. I give permission for my student to attend and participate in each of the events listed on this calendar that pertain to my student.

Parent Signature: _____