

SFP DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC 2017-2018 SYLLABUS
CONCERT CHORUS I & CONCERT CHORUS II

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Welcome!

Welcome to Concert Chorus for the 2017-2018 school year! I am so excited to be making music with all of you this year! Throughout this course you will be learning new musical skills, preparing for performances, and experiencing what it feels like to be a part of our Concert Chorus Family. I wish everyone an incredible school year full of success and joy.

Required Materials

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Course Description

Concert Chorus is an introductory women's choral ensemble in which students will learn rudimentary music reading, will gain the ability to sing in a large ensemble which performs diverse music in three or more parts, and will become more comfortable with performing in front of others. In addition, students will gain the sense of responsibility and pride which comes from taking part in a performing ensemble.

Class Policies and Expectations

The expectations of being a member of the concert chorus are fairly simple; if you come on time and prepared, you will do very well. Being prepared includes more than just bringing your music to class with you. Did you look over your part since the last class? Have you listened to the recording? Are you arriving with a learning-positive attitude?

Lateness

Please try to be on time for each class. Your first two offences will be free. Your third or more lateness per quarter will result in 2 points off of your quarterly average.

Absence

The absence policy of St. Francis Prep, according to the school calendar, is as follows: "Academic consequences in regards to student attendance: Any student who misses a full day, or specific classes because of absence, late or early dismissal that total 6 or more times will have 5 points deducted from their quarterly average for each class effected by such a pattern." *Because this class only meets a few times per cycle, any absences are detrimental to the learning process for the entire chorus. Please make it your business to be in rehearsal, as this is a team activity. When one member of the team is not present, the entire team suffers the consequences of having to relearn previously learned music, and having others cover your part.*

Required Performances

Because this is a performing ensemble, a large portion of your grade is dependent on performing. There are two mandatory concerts:

Christmas Concert I : Friday, December 8th, 2017 - Call 6:30pm

Spring Concert I: Friday, April 27th, 2018 - Call 6:30pm

In addition to these two performances, these are mandatory after-school rehearsals:

Friday, December 1st, 2017 - 3pm - Location TBA

Monday, December 4th, 2017 - 5pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017 - 3:30pm - Auditorium

Monday, April 23rd, 2017 - 3pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, April 25th, 2017 - 3pm - Location TBA

Thursday, April 26th, 2017

Grading

100% of your quarterly grade for Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 will be based upon participation and preparedness for class. This is because there are no performances during these quarters. As long as you are on time, prepared, and excited to sing, you will receive an excellent grade for concert chorus. Your quarterly grade for Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 will be 75% participation and preparedness, and 25% your performance and participation in the concert.

I have read all of the above and agree to all terms of being an active participant in the Concert Chorus. I understand my responsibility to the ensemble, and will make sure that I am presenting my best self at all times. I understand all mandatory performance and rehearsal dates.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____