

Middle School Chorus

Dear Parent or Guardian of Chorus Students:

It is my pleasure to begin another year as director of the Middle School Chorus. We have an exceptionally large group of very talented students this year and we're looking forward to becoming a terrific chorus.

At this point in the school year I'd like to mention a few things for your information:

1. Grading- Chorus is a class for which students will receive a grade. A student's grade in chorus is based on:
 - A. Participation in rehearsal- It is in rehearsals that we learn our music for the concerts, as well as improve our singing and music-reading skills. Naturally, it is very important for everyone to be attentive and not talking or being disruptive. Inappropriate behavior could result in a lowered grade or possible removal from the chorus. Also, because chorus is a class, students are not allowed to miss chorus to do other classwork.
 - B. Attendance at concerts- It is extremely important that all students attend all concerts. The success of the concert depends on everyone being present. Students who miss the concert will have their grade lowered by 35% for the quarter. Occasionally, circumstances come up that make attendance impossible. In that case, please send a note with your child to that effect and their grade will not be lowered.
2. Dress for concert will be as follows:
Girls- White top, dark pants or skirt OR a dark-colored dress; dress shoes.
Boys- White dress shirt and dark pants; dress shoes.

NO JEANS, SWEAT-SHIRTS, OR T-SHIRTS, PLEASE

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All concerts are at the High School and will take place at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Students should report to the High School chorus room at 6:15 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact me at megarveyj@bpcsd.org. Thank you very much for your support.

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