

## '23 – '24 Brighton High School Choir Expectations

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to a new year of Choir at Brighton High School! The following is a rundown of the grading policy, rules, and regulations.

### **Marking Period Grading System**

Performance/Concert Grades.....33%  
Quizzes, Voice Tests, Homework, and Written Class Work.....33%  
Rehearsal Grade (effort, having required materials, participation ) .....33%

**The Rehearsal Grade** consists of 5 possible points per week. You prevent yourself from earning points by doing any of the following things:

- Having an unexcused absence
- Being disruptive/distracted by technology
- Not modeling quality rehearsal skills
- Not having a pencil, a 3-ring choir binder, or your music.

If a student earns less than 3 points in a week the student will be notified. A second offense will result in a parent contact. A third offense will result in a referral to the Principal, and a parent conference will be requested.

**Homework is expected on the assigned due date.** Late assignments are accepted, with grades being lowered for every day that the assignment is past due, to 50%. I encourage students to complete assignments even if they are very late. Learning how to do the assignment is the goal. Additional flexibility is offered when communication between teacher, student, and family occurs in a timely fashion.

### **BHS Choir Concert uniforms for 23-24**

**Treble Voices:** You may choose your own ensemble to wear, or request one from Mr. Johnson by Wednesday, September 27th.

Color Scheme - Black, with class-discussed accessory colors

Floor length bottoms - floor length skirt, dress pants, palazzo pants

Tops - Shoulders ok to show but bellies and backs must be covered

Hair must be out of your face.

**Tenor/Bass Voices:** You will be supplied with Tux Pants, a Tux Jacket, Silver Vest, and an Orange Bow Tie. You should supply your own black dress shirt, solid black socks, and black dress shoes. Hair must be out of your face.

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**Participation in concerts is required.** Review the attached calendar with your family ASAP. Let me know about conflicts ASAP.

I will excuse concert attendance if I am notified about them at least 2 weeks in advance, **and** we have worked together to try to get students to participate in both events. In the event that a concert is missed, a make-up assignment in which the student records the missed concert music and turns it in for a grade will be assigned. The make-up is due no later than 1 week after the missed activity. If there are extenuating circumstances, this timeline can be adjusted. A parent may excuse a child due to illness or emergency the day of the concert. If a difficult situation should arise, I am happy to work with you to resolve the problem. Required dates for the 23-24 school year are listed below. Student call times for concerts will be between 5:30pm and 6pm.

**Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> rehearsal 2:30-5:00**

**Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> concert 7pm**

**Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> rehearsal 2:30-5:30**

**Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> concert 7pm**

**Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> concert 7pm**

**Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> rehearsal 2:30-5:30**

**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> concert 7pm**

**Being disruptive at a concert is unacceptable.** Concert points may be removed from a student's grade in the same fashion in which they would be removed during a typical class day. Students arriving late for a concert without reasonable communication will result in a 5 point deduction from their concert grade.

**Extra credit is available at all times.** Attending a *classical vocal or choral performance* may earn you up to 5 points of extra credit going toward the marking period grade, with a maximum of 15 points per marking period. I also encourage students to support their peers in Band and Orchestra, and will award extra credit points for attending a Brighton production.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year! Please feel free to call or email with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Phil Johnson

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