



## Handbook for the Lyons Middle School Choir Program 2011 – 2012

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Welcome to Choir at Lyons Middle School! We are going to have a wonderful year creating beautiful music together. Whether you are new to the choral experience or a seasoned singer, there is a lot to learn and fun to be had in Choir. Please read the guidelines below and sign with your parents on the attached sheet.

### Grading:

- 70% Assessments
  - Concerts, dress rehearsals, theory/sight-singing quizzes, various singing assessments (major/minor scales, small excerpts from music, etc.).
- 30% Learning Activities
  - Preparedness, daily sight-singing/diction, theory worksheets.
- Extra credit may be granted to students based on specific extra credit projects and for attendance at outside concerts.

### Daily Expectations:

- Be on time and prepared for class, including your music, a pencil and a **water bottle**.
- Respect one another, our classroom, and your teacher.
- Leave all food and beverages (except water) outside the classroom.
- Have a good attitude and always be the best learner and singer possible.

### Attendance/Tardy Policy:

Students receive 10 points per day for proper preparation and participation. Any student arriving late to class (unless excused by a parent or another teacher) will have 5 points deducted. After 10 minutes (according to school policy), that student will be marked “unexcused” and the loss of all 10 points cannot be made up.

### Absence Make-up Policy:

Students will be allowed to make up 3 excused absences per quarter. Unexcused absences may not be made up. Mr. Romig and the student will work together to find an appropriate make-up assignment, usually consisting of a 1-page paper on a musical topic of Mr. Romig’s choosing. Make-up opportunities for excused absences numbering more than 3 per quarter will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### Leaving the Classroom:

If you must use the restroom, please choose a time that is not disruptive to the entire class. We

will have a sign out sheet and students will be expected to sign in and out. Only one person may go to the restroom at a time. If I notice an abundance of time outside the room, you may be spoken to. Choir requires your active participation, and it's important that you are here for your benefit and everyone else's.

### **Required Materials:**

Each student will be expected to have the following at every rehearsal:

- Music folder with all music.
- A spiral bound notebook or notebook paper – this will be used on a daily basis to write down musical concepts.
- A pencil.
- A water bottle.

### **Sheet Music:**

Sheet music will be provided to each student. Sheet music that is damaged or missing at the end of each quarter will need to be replaced at the cost of the student.

### **Concert Procedures and Expectations:**

#### **Concert Attendance:**

Attendance is required at all performances! Concert schedules are listed on the choir room calendar and on the school calendar. Put them on your calendars now and plan accordingly. The only excuse for missing a concert is severe illness or a death in your family. Unexcused absences for any other reason will result in a ZERO for the assessment grade with no opportunity to make up the points. Attendance at all concerts is required to get (at minimum) a grade of "C" in the class. Please see me by the end of the third week of the semester if you have any conflicts.

Attached to this packet is a written agreement that I am asking both parents and students to sign and return to me, so that I can be assured that everyone has the concerts in their yearly schedule.

#### **Performance Expectations:**

**To make every performance as successful as possible, the following expectations should be noted:**

1. Be early for all concerts! I will always tell students exactly when they need to be here.
2. Be appropriately dressed (see "Concert Dress").
3. Act professional on the stage at all times.
4. Be proud! Performances are fun and exciting, so bring lots of friends and family to each concert!

#### **Concert Dress for ALL Middle School Band Students:**

Boys: Black pants (no jeans!) with a belt, black loafers, black socks

White shirt (button-up or polo). Absolutely no tee-shirts.

Girls: Black skirt or pants. Skirts must be below the knee. Black shoes or sandals.

White blouse or button-up shirt, must have sleeves. No tee-shirts.

# Handbook Understanding and Agreement Form 2011-2012

Please fill out the Handbook Form online and submit no later than September 1, 2011. This will count as each students' first test grade. If you do not have access to the internet, please let me know and I will provide you with a paper copy.

This form can be found on the school website <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us> under "forms". Look for "Choir Handbook", click on the link and it will take you to the agreement form.

**\*\*Before submitting the form, please make sure you have ALL concert dates written down!\*\***

## Lyons Middle School Choir Concert Calendar 2011-2012

**\*\*All events are required unless otherwise noted!!**

### October

10 Choir Concert – 7pm

### December

8 Choir Concert – 7pm

### March

6 Choir Concert – 7pm

### May

14 Fine Arts Concert – please reserve this date, more information to come.

15 Fine Arts Concert – please reserve this date, more information to come.

**\*\*Make sure these dates are on your calendar before you submit the online handbook agreement form!\*\***

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_