

# CENTRAL CHOIR'S 2016-17

Looks like it is going to be another busy but exciting year for the choirs at Central. The following information applies to all choir classes. Please note, you **MUST** be part of the Concert Choir in order to belong to either Chamber Choir, Men's Choir or Women's Choir.

## EVALUATION

Evaluation in each category below will be done through observation, frequent testing of skills and concepts, written tests, vocal performance examinations, and written self-evaluation and goal setting.

### **i. Repertoire and Skill development 60%**

Throughout each term you will be tested on excerpts from the music learned in class time. You will know in advance what music will be tested and the specific requirements of each test. You will receive daily feedback on your preparation for these tests.

### **ii Written Assignments 20%**

Music, as a written language, will be studied and tested. There will be tests on the texts we will be singing. Any ear training marks will also fall in this category.

### **iii Attitude, Effort, Professional Qualities 10%**

- **Attendance, We are a team, each singer is essential.** This course and any performance group depends on all members to participate at all times in order to work on balance, textures, and nuance. Neither a textbook nor a tutor offer a suitable replacement for missed classes. **You need to be in the room for the experiential learning to occur.** If you must be away, notes from your guardian must be presented for all missed classes; email messages are the best: [carrie.taylor@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:carrie.taylor@sd41.bc.ca)
- **Preparedness, equipment,** You need to practice your music. You must arrive to class with you pencil and your music. In Concert Choir you will be sharing music with 2 or 3 students. At any given time there could be approximately \$50.00 worth of music in your choir folders. Folders will be collected and marked for neatness, and completeness. You are responsible to keep your music **SAFE** and to have it at every rehearsal. Chamber Choir students must have their own folders.
- **Class behavior and self discipline.** We are here to make music in a positive manner. Any behavior hindering our progress will not be tolerated

### **iv Performance decorum, 10%**

Attendance, uniforms, preparation and behavior will attain a full mark in this category. All department concert performances in December and May are treated as performance-based course examinations and are considered the most important singing exams of each semester. As with any other high school subject examination, attendance is mandatory. An unexcused absence from one of these performances is the same as missing a final exam: Students with jobs are expected to change their schedules. Serious conflicts may be considered if there is written notice at least one month in advance

## CHOIR CLASSES

**Concert Choir** starts at 7:20 on day 1. Please mark the day 1 day 2 rotations on your home calendar.

**Chamber Choir A** rehearses Tuesday at lunch and Thursday from 3:05 to 4:35.

**Chamber B** rehearses Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 and Fridays at lunch. If Friday is a pro-d or holiday, we meet Wednesday lunch that week.

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**Men's choir** rehearses Thursday at lunch and the occasional 7:20 am. If Thursday is a holiday, then the rehearsal falls on Wednesday of that week

**Women's choir** rehearses Monday at lunch and the occasional 7:20 am. If Monday is a holiday we will meet Wednesday of that week.

## CONCERT DRESS

You must be dressed in all black. Men must wear black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes and a black collared dress shirt. Women may wear black skirts (mid thigh or preferably longer), dresses or pants, they must wear black tights or hose on their legs, shoulders must be covered. No cleavage, spaghetti straps, navels or other displays of tackiness!!!! You are representing our school....be as professional as possible.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 24 Provincial Honour Groups pre-rehearse  
Oct. 19-21 Provincial Honour Groups  
Oct 24-25 *Band 9/10 to Timberline*  
Nov 4 Chamber A @UBC  
Nov 10 **Remembrance Day**  
Nov 16 **Concert Choir Opening Karate Olympics**  
Nov 18 Chamber A @ McGee  
Nov 28 **Voices 41** at MJF Theatre  
Dec 1 **Winter Choir Concert** . NWCRC  
Dec 3 Chamber A and Men's Choir @ Van Welshmens  
Dec. 5 *Winter Band Concert. MJFox Theatre*  
Dec 7 *Winter jazz Band Concert*  
Jan 17 Women's Choir hosts Hamber's Women  
Jan 18 *District Concert Band Festival*  
Jan 24 MYVoice starts  
Jan 28 Chamber A @ Cap College  
Jan 30 Women's Choir @ Elektra  
Feb. 8-10 *Grade 8 Band Camp to Loon Lake*  
Feb 21 *District Jazz Band Evening @MJF*  
Apr 5-7 **Kiwanis Choral Festival** (not definite that we will attend)  
Apr 10 Men's Choir to Schmeckfest  
Mar 8 Chamber B hosts Vivo  
**Apr 7-12 Dates saved for the Senior Tour**  
Apr 18 or 19 **Intermediate Choir Festival**  
Apr 22 MYVoice @ VANMAN at the Chan Centre  
May 29 Grad: Senior Band, Grade 10 Band, Grad Choir  
June 1 **Final Choir Concert**  
June 7 *Final Jazz Concert*  
June 13 *Final Band Concert*

Dates not yet included: Promys auditions Mira auditions, Music Grads' Dinner and Recital..... And many more

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