

## Grade 7/8 Choir Course Outline 2020-2021

Dear Future Music Students and Families,

Welcome to the School District of Mystery Lake Grade 7/8 Choir! Rehearsals take place in the Letkemann Theatre at RD Parker, after practical arts class from 3:00-3:45. Choir runs from September to June. Choir classes will begin on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

**First rehearsal dates are as follows:**

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Gr 7 Deerwood & Gr 7 Westwood (Day 1)

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Gr 7 Wapanohk & Gr 7 Riverside (Day 2)

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Gr 7 Juniper & Gr 7 Burntwood (Day 3)

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Gr 8 Wapanohk & Gr 8 Riverside (Day 4)

Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Gr 8 Burntwood & Gr 8 Juniper (Day 5)

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gr 8 Deerwood & Gr 8 Westwood (Day 6)

I am pleased to welcome students back to choir classes and am excited to resume in person music making. The RD Parker staff have been hard at work planning for your students' return, and have put plans and procedures in place to support music making, as follows:

**Choir:** Following guidelines and recommendations for safe choir programming, we are taking steps to implement the following:

- \* A minimum of 8 feet separation between vocalists.
- \* Use of masks while singing to reduce spread of respiratory droplets
- \* Improving air circulation in the rehearsal space, by using a HEPA filtration systems.
- \* All choir classes will be occurring at RDPC.

### **Concert Attendance:**

It is an expectation and requirement of this course that students plan to attend all scheduled performances and recordings. If unable to perform a “traditional” concert, we will be recording our performance pieces to share for the listening pleasure of parents/guardians. Concert dates are listed on the next page. In the event of illness or other reasonable conflict, students will be expected to complete an assignment instead. Notice must be given properly in advance so arrangements can be made to cover any parts that might be missing as a result. Failure to attend a performance without a prior, approved excuse will result in lost marks for that unit.

### **Rehearsal Skills / Preparation:**

As this choir is a performing ensemble, it is extremely important that students attend with all necessary materials and participate in all scheduled rehearsals, as well as any scheduled performances of the choir. It is very important to attend all classes at RD Parker.

### **Google Classroom:**

All choirs in the School District of Mystery Lake will be using Google Classroom to supplement our in-class learning. All assignments will be posted on our Google Classroom, and in the event of full, remote learning, this will be our main learning platform. You will be emailed an invite to join our Google Classroom on your @mymlake student email account.

### **Joining Our Google Classroom:**

- In order to join our Google Classroom, an email will be sent to your @mymlake email account.
- Sign in to your @mymlake Google Account if you're not already signed in. You should be using the Chrome web browser.
- Once you have received the invite email, open it.
- You will be asked to join our Google Classroom.
- Click "Join"
- You should be taken to your dashboard.
- Select the "7/8 \*insert your child's school here\* Choir" classroom and click "join"
- You have now joined our Google Classroom. Welcome!

You are now a member of our Google Classroom, and will be able to view important information, and submit assignment and documents. Make sure you check the Google Classroom regularly, so you don't miss anything!

### **Important Google Classroom Items:**

Stream: Notifications, posts, announcements, and classroom discussions

Classwork: All material will be organized here.

- Track your progress, access the class drive folder, and classroom meet link
- Material and assignments are organized by topics. Click on an assignment to view instructions and attachments. You will be able to attach your assignment.
- When submitting work, either digital or paper copies, **make sure to click mark as done** in Google Classroom
- Finished your assignment and marked it as done but realized you need to change something? To the assignment, click **Unsubmit**, make your changes, then click **mark as done again**

To-Do List: This is where you see all assignment that need to be completed. It will organize by due dates. You'll also be able to find any missing assignments, feedback, and completed marks

### **Marking Breakdown :**

Singing Tests / Performances	40%
Reflections	10%
Rehearsal Skills / Preparation	50%

The School District of Mystery Lake uses Teacher/Student/Parent Connect. If you are unfamiliar with this program or need an account, please contact administration at your elementary school. All report card marks are obtained through this program.

### **2020 2021 Tentative Dates:**

December 16th, 2020	Choir Winter Concert, 6pm - Letkemann Theatre
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021	Choir Spring Concert, 7pm – Letkemann Theatre
June 8th, 2021	Junior Choirs & Jazz Year-End Concert, 7pm - Letkemann Theatre

**Concert attire:** black dress shirt, black dress pants, close-toed black shoes, black socks

If you have any questions, my contact information is below. I am looking forward to working with you this year!

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## **Grade 7/8 Choir Sign-up Form**

If you would like to join 7/8 Choir, please fill out this form, sign, and return to your classroom teacher. Your parent/guardian may also email me at [aturton@mysterynet.mb.ca](mailto:aturton@mysterynet.mb.ca). Please make sure to include your student email.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understood this course outline with a parent and/or guardian and would like to join Grade 7/8 Choir for the school year 2020-2021. I understand that this ensemble rehearses at the Letkemann Theatre after Practical Arts classes from 3:00-3:45, and attendance is taken at each rehearsal.

I will ensure that I regularly check our Google Classroom for any updates and/or assignments posted.

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

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

Welcome to Grade 7/8 Choir! I look forward to making music with you!