



R.D. PARKER COLLEGIATE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



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RD Parker Senior Concert Choir Course Outline 2020-2021

Introduction: Welcome to Senior Choir! This choir is an ensemble for School District of Mystery Lake students in grades 10-12. Rehearsals take place from 8:45-9:49, both in person on your respective in-school attendance days, and online (depending on your last name). This is an elective course worth one credit and runs from September to June. It is an expectation and requirement of this course that ensemble members take part in **all** scheduled learning and keep up with the required coursework and rehearsing.

Expectations:

What you can expect *from Ms. Turton:*

- To always be well prepared for each lesson and rehearsal
- To provide feedback on your singing regularly
- To push you to your greatest musical potential, while meeting provincial outcomes
- To provide a warm, welcoming environment for your learning

What *I* expect from **students:**

- To show up to lessons and rehearsals regularly, prepared and on time
- To ask questions during lessons or rehearsals to better understand the voice, our pieces, and other musical concepts
- To respect themselves, their classmates, their voice, their teacher and accompanist

Concert Attendance:

It is an expectation and requirement of this course that students plan to attend all scheduled performances. 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 using FlipGrid. Notice must be given sufficiently in advance so arrangements can be made to cover any parts that might be missing or diminished as a result. Failure to attend a performance without a prior, approved excuse will result in lost marks for that unit, and may jeopardize involvement in any scheduled music trips.

Singing Tests:

Students will be regularly tested on material studied in class either in person or via. Flipgrid.

Written Assignments:

We will be using Google Classroom to assist in learning. All assignments will be posted on Google Classroom. Students ***must*** activate their @mymlake google email account to log in to Google Classroom. In the event of full remote learning, this platform will be our **main channel of communication** between teacher and students. Distance learning meetings will take place over Google Meet. The link for these meetings can be found at the top of our Google Classroom main page. Students will also be provided with their login information for Flipgrid.

- **What is FlipGrid?**

Flipgrid is a free, educational, downloadable app that allows the user to send and submit recordings through the app to their teacher. Students will need the class Flipcode and their username to access the RDPC Choir Grid where they can then view, complete, and submit recordings.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM CLASS CODE: gcc5yw6

Music Theory Booklet: All students will be completing their own music theory booklet during the school year. There are three levels, and students will be able to choose their level based on previous musical knowledge. Three pages are due each month, and will be turned in for marking. Class time will be provided to work on these sheets, and students are also encouraged to work on their own time. Theory instruction will also take place during choir classes.

Listening Journals: Students are required to complete 8 listening journals throughout the year (two each term). Please label each journal with its appropriate journal number. Journals can be submitted via Google Classroom, email, or students may submit a paper copy if they wish.

Listening Journals are due on the following dates:

Journal # 1 & 2 – December 2nd

Journal # 3 & 4 – February 3rd

Journal # 5 & 6 – April 6th

Journal # 7 & 8 – June 1st

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 and lessons, as well as any scheduled performances of the choir.

Small group lesson scheduling will be completed during the first few choir rehearsals of each semester. Teachers will be made aware, and you will be expected to attend lessons throughout the year.

Students are expected to bring a pencil to class regularly, and to take notes and rehearsal marks in the sheet music to facilitate learning and rehearsing.

Marking Breakdown:

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| Singing Tests / Performances | 30% |
| Rehearsal Skills / Preparation | 40% |
| Written Assignments | 20% |
| Exams | 10% |

Important Dates:

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| November 10 th , 2020 | RDPC Remembrance Day Ceremony |
| December 16th, 2021 | Winter Concert, 6pm Letkemann Theatre |
| April 22 nd , 2021 | Spring Choir Concert, 7pm Letkemann Theatre |
| June 1 st , 2021 | 35 th Annual Cabaret, 7pm Letkemann Theatre |
| June 25 th , 2021 | RDPC Graduation Ceremony |

Vocal Jazz:

Vocomotion, RD Parker's vocal jazz ensemble, is an auditioned ensemble for choral students in grade 10-12. The group meets on Tuesdays from 3:45-5:00pm. Punctuality is key. The course counts for half a credit. Anyone in Senior Choir is welcome to audition. If you are a previous member, you still have to audition (it's only fair). The audition will consist of a few sing-singing/rhythm reading exercises, hearing your singing range, and overall getting familiar with your voice 😊

MSA:

The Music Students Association is open to students in grades 9-12 who have enrolled in either choir or band. You do not need to have been a member in previous years to join. All are welcome!

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

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