

Lakeshore Middle School Choirs

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Congratulations on becoming a part of the Grand Haven Choir Program!
Complete the Handbook Form Online at

<http://bit.do/lakeshorechoir>



The vocal music classes at Lakeshore are meant to foster a joy of singing and love of all music. Students will continue to gain confidence through an open and affirming rehearsal environment. A positive attitude and willingness to experience new things are key components to the success of the choir!

7th Grade Concert Choir: This choir is open to all seventh graders at Lakeshore Middle School and meets during the 2nd (Mixed Voicing) and 3rd (Only Treble) class hours of the day

8th Grade Chorale: This choir is open to all eighth graders at Lakeshore Middle School and meets during the 1st (Mixed Voicing) and 4th (Only Treble) class hours of the day.

Purpose/Course Description

In all choirs, students will learn a variety of choral music and be given the opportunity to showcase their singing development through performance. Music history, theory, listening, and appreciation, as well as vocal pedagogy and music reading skills are taught in a safe, fun, and creative learning environment.

Topics, Concepts, or Units of Study

At the end of the year, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and application of basic choral music.
- Produce a grade appropriate choral sound.
- Demonstrate proper concert etiquette.
- Demonstrate an intermediate knowledge of music theory.
- Demonstrate an intermediate knowledge of solfege.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the text of the music.
- Listen critically to a piece of music and generate topics of discussion
- Have experience with movement as it relates to music.
- Experience several genres of music through choral music singing and other venues

Class Room Expectations:

1. Be **Respectful** of others and yourself.
 - a. Respect your classmates, teachers, and guests and you shall receive respect in return.
2. **Be on time and prepared**
 - a. Students should be in their designated seats with their music and pencil ready to work when class begins
3. **Try, Try, and Try Again**
 - a. Singing is hard work, Attitude and effort determine the success of the choir. Strive for the best and have fun!
4. **Absolutely NO food, gum, or beverages in the classroom**
 - a. A bottle of water is allowed and encouraged.

Student responsibilities and expectations: Students are expected to behave in a mature and respectful manner and adhere to the school code of conduct and the social contract. An open and positive attitude is essential.

Consequences: Consequences for inappropriate behavior include (but are not limited to) student conference, parental contact, referral to the appropriate administrator, in-house suspension, and even out-of-school suspension for severe examples of such behavior.

Passes: Students must get permission for the teacher in order to leave the classroom. Upon leaving the classroom, the student must have a designated pass.

Cheating: The act of obtaining answers or completing assignments in a fraudulent or deceitful manner. Staff and administrators will determine disciplinary action based on the outline in the student handbook.

Concert and Festival Uniforms

The 7th and 8th grade choirs are provided with a formal choir uniform that was purchased through the school district. **Each student is responsible for having black dress shoes and black socks. Each 7th and 8th grader is expected to pay a \$10.00 dry cleaning fee.** If the dry cleaning fee presents a financial burden, please let Mr. Payton or Mr. Rodgers know and the fee will be waived. The dry cleaning fee is expected to be turned in by **Friday, September 16th**. Hair must be worn off the face and jewelry is not allowed. Uniform return will be at the end of the year. Lost/Damaged uniforms will result in a replacement fee for the cost of the uniform.

Dressing appropriately for concert performances not only *looks* professional, but also makes a student feel they are really part of the entire group. Please make sure that your son/daughter is dressed appropriately for all concert performances.



Grading System:

Student grades will be based on class participation and attitude (rehearsal technique), written assignments and tests, listening skills, and participation in required performances. The breakdown of grading will be as follows:

Participation: 40%

Class Work: 30%

Performance: 30%

Participation:

Students may receive 3 participation points for every class period. As a member of the Lakeshore Choir Program, students are expected to receive all three points every day. These points are based on a student's energy and concentration during rehearsal, respect towards classmates and the teacher, posture, marking music with their pencil, arriving to class on time, and participating in class discussions. If a student loses his/her folder or does not have a pencil, they will lose one participation point for the day.

Class Work:

This includes tests, quizzes, assignments, and projects. For any missed assignment or test due to an excused absence, it is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the teacher to make up the work. Late work will result in a lowering of the grade for each day late.

Performances:

Concerts are REQUIRED for every choir student. Students must arrive at the designated time, be dressed in the appropriate uniform, display appropriate concert behavior and stay for the entire concert in order to receive full credit

Performance Absences:

The teacher must approve all absences from performances. Illness, team sport games, and family trips are examples of excused absences. All 'prior commitments' must be cleared by the teacher at the start of the school year. Transportation issues, homework, and sports or club practice **will not be considered an excused absence**. If an unavoidable conflict occurs, please see, write, or call the teacher as soon as possible. With enough advanced notice, sometimes the negative effects on the ensemble can be minimized. **Except in the case of an emergency, a note from home or phone call at least two weeks prior to the performance is required for an excused absence.**

Extra Credit:

Extra credit projects are always accepted as a way to bring up a **participation, performance** or **class work** grade. All make-up work must be approved by the teacher first and turned in before the end of the marking period. Projects include turning in programs from outside fine arts experiences (held during that marking period), reports on musical or choral topics, etc. The sky's the limit!

Lakeshore Choir Performance Calendar

Wednesday, October 26th, 2016

Fall Choir Concerts @ Lakeshore Middle School
7th Grade Choirs: 6pm Concert. 5:15pm Arrival
8th Grade Choirs: 7:30pm Concert. 7:00pm Arrival

Tuesday, December 13th, 2016

Winter Choir Concerts @ Lakeshore Middle School
2nd Hour Choirs, 4th Hour Choir: 6pm Concert. 5:30pm Arrival
1st Hour Choir, 3rd Hour Choir: 7:30pm Concert. 7:00pm Arrival

Wednesday March 8th or Thursday March 9th

Pre-Festival Choir Concerts @ Grand Haven High School PAC
Both Concerts at 7pm

Thursday March 16th or Friday March 17th

District 7 Choral Festival @ Greenville High School
Performance Times: TBA (most likely during school day)
Transportation Provided

Tuesday May 2nd, 2017

Festival of Choirs @ Grand Haven High School Gymnasium
All Choirs: Concert 7pm. Arrival 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 8th

Lakeshore Collage Concerts @ Grand Haven High School PAC
7th Grade Choirs: 6pm Concert. Arrival 5:30pm
8th Grade Choirs: 8pm Concert. Arrival 7:30pm
Ticketed Event

Extra Curricular Opportunities at Lakeshore

All School Musical: My Son, Pinocchio Jr.

Students rehearse 2-3 times per week (Mostly Tuesday/Thursday) during the first semester and prepare the production of Disney's My Son, Pinocchio Jr. Students will learn the fundamentals of acting, singing, and dancing and gain the confidence to perform a character on stage. Auditions are REQUIRED for all students wishing to participate, **although all students who audition will be apart of the cast.** Auditions will be held September 14th and 15th from 3pm-7pm.

Buccaneer Union

Buccaneer Union is an all-male vocal ensemble consisting of singers from 7th-12th grade. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 3pm-4:30pm at GHHS throughout the year. 7th and 8th grade students are bussed to GHHS after school. Buccaneer Union performs on most HS and MS Choir Concerts.

Lakeshore Honor's Choir

The Lakeshore Honor's Choir is one of the premiere middle school ensemble in the state of Michigan. Honor's Choir rehearses from 3pm-5pm on Thursdays beginning in January. Honor's Choir is the only Lakeshore choir with the opportunity to attend the MSVMA State Choral Festival and has qualified for the event nine years in a row. Auditions will be held in December for all 7th and 8th grade students. This ensemble is only open to Lakeshore music students.

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