

# **CMS 7th/8th Grade Choir Syllabus 2023-2024**

**7th Grade Class Code: bugpfhm**

**8th Grade Class Code: 7afkj5p**

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Welcome to Choir!

I am excited to begin this year with you! This syllabus will inform you of your responsibilities as a student - or as parents/guardians of students - enrolled in the choir program at CHS. Choir is a performance-based class, which means that our goals and standards are driven towards concert and in-class performances. I am SO excited to get to connect and create with you! Please read through this document carefully so that you and your parents/guardians completely understand the expectations that exist for you in the choir program.

## **What Choir is About**

In a choral classroom, students learn a variety of skills while working together to achieve an outcome. Teamwork, leadership, compassion, and accountability are only a few of the things that choir students work on throughout the year. Very few classes allow students to work completely *together* to achieve a group goal. In our daily work this year, we will strive to become knowledgeable and self-sufficient musicians as we learn to make wonderful music!

## **Some of the concepts (as per NAFME Music standards) covered will include:**

- Core musical concepts (Theory, Ear Training)
- Live rehearsals
- Performance - Live and/or virtual
- Reflection and Analysis
- Music History (styles, composers, etc)
- Music Technology (apps, programs)
- Arts Enrichment (uses for music, future planning)

## **Classroom Rules**

- Listen and follow directions
- Raise your hand to speak or to get out of your seat
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Respect the teacher, classmates, and yourself
- All rules outlined in the CMS Student Handbook will apply to the Choir class.

## **Daily Participation and Attendance**

As important as individual practice is for developing skills, daily participation in group activities is equally important as an active application of those practiced skills. Due to choir being a performance class, students will be expected to participate and try their best in class every day. If a student misses time in class, they will need to communicate with Miss Bronson about missed rehearsal time. Students AND Parents are free to email Ms. Bronson if they have any questions.

### Required Class Materials:

- **Chromebook:** A lot of class activities will be using Google Classroom. Come prepared with it fully charged.
  - Chromebooks will be used (generally) on Late Start days.
- **Music Folder:** Will be provided for you; stored with class set.
- **Pencil:** Can be stored in your music folder.

### Performance Participation

We have several performance dates set for this school year! I am so excited to get to share the stage with you and show our community the hard work we put into our classes! All events ARE subject to change, should health/safety protocols change, or school-based schedule conflicts arise, but these dates should all be marked as “important” on your calendars! **IF THERE IS A SCHEDULED CONFLICT FOR A STUDENT: Notification via signed parent note or email must be given TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.** If a performance is missed, the student will be required to complete a makeup assignment to meet the standard. The REQUIRED performances are listed in **bold font**. Some performances require adult chaperones, and will be marked with \*.

### Performance Dates

2023-2024

Date	Performance (Time)	Place	Ensemble(s)
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Fall Concert (7:30 pm)</b>	<b>CMS Auditorium</b>	<b>7/8/TC/CC/VJ</b>
November 9?	Veterans Day Assembly (TBD)	CHS Gym	7/8/TC/CC/VJ
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Holiday Gala (6:00 pm)</b>	<b>CHS Gym</b>	<b>All MS Choirs/Bands</b>
February 3	Vocal /Piano S & E	WHS	Individuals/Small Ensembles
February 15-18	WMEA All-State (Jr.)	Yakima, WA	By Audition Only
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Festival Concert (7:30 pm)</b>	<b>CMS Auditorium</b>	<b>6*/7/8/TC/CC</b>
<b>March 26**</b>	<b>NCWMEA Large Group Festival</b>	<b>WHS</b>	<b>6*/7/8</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Spring Concert (7:30 pm)</b>	<b>CMS Auditorium</b>	<b>7/ 8 Choir and Bands</b>

\*6th TBD

\*\*CHAPERONES NEEDED

## **CONCERT ATTIRE - Must be worn to each performance (please plan ahead)**

The Cashmere School District will provide a Cashmere Music polo shirt for our performances. These will be distributed in the fall before our first performance. Contact Miss Bronson if you have any questions or problems obtaining the correct concert attire.

### **At the beginning of the school year, please prepare for the required concert attire:**

Boys: Black Shoes, Black Socks, Black Dress Pants (NOT jeans, please!)

Girls: Black Shoes, Black Socks/Tights, Black Pants/Skirt (NOT jeans, please!)

Accessories/Jewelry: None, or very simple.

## **CMS Choir Grading Guidelines**

Dear Parents

In an effort to increase communication around student learning and progress, CMS is adjusting our grade reports.

When you check your student's grades, you will now see an overall course grade in a traditional A-F format. For specific information on how that grade was calculated you will need to click the course grade. You will see that all assignments and assessments are tied to a specific grade level standard. Our hope is this will provide better communication regarding the standard the student will need to work on to improve their overall course grade.

It is our vision that our students will be able to articulate the standards they are to meet and can keep track of their progress on a routine basis. Our staff has committed to updating grades weekly.

If you have any other questions do not hesitate to call or email your student's teachers.

Respectfully,

**The CMS Team**

## 2023-2024 7th/8th Choir Member Agreement

(To be returned for a Correspondence/Communication grade)

Please read the syllabus carefully and completely. Return this form to Miss Bronson by **9/8/23**.

I have read the choir syllabus, policies, and grading procedures set forth and will do my best to comply with them. I will act as a responsible, committed choir member and citizen while representing our school and community. I understand that changes may be made to these policies by the director. **Before signing, please make sure you check the concert dates and concert attire sections, and transfer them to your personal home calendar.** These dates may change, but advance notification will be given.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Choir Member Name (please print clearly) : \_\_\_\_\_

Choir Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email address (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian email address (Please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

### CMS Music Shirt Size (circle one size)

Youth:      Large      XL

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Adult:      XS      Small      Medium      Large      XL      2XL      3XL