

# Whitehall H.S. Choirs Syllabus

2018-2019

## Contact Info

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## Materials (need as soon as possible)

- 1 copy of the book, *Essential Musicianship: A Comprehensive Choral Method, Book Two (Student Version)* - you can buy a copy from Mr. Wright for \$13 with cash or check (payable to Whitehall District Schools), or can buy it on your own (on JWPepper.com it's \$13 plus \$3 shipping - here's the link: [tinyurl.com/ycwgdqgo](http://tinyurl.com/ycwgdqgo))
- 3 ring binder (1/2" ideal for taking up less backpack space, but 1" fine too)
- 3 ring divider tabs (5 tabs should be fine, colored tabs are nice)
- several pencils (standard or mechanical is fine)
- lined paper (not in a notebook - loose sheets of lined paper; put these in your 3 ring binder; start with 20 sheets or so; college or wide spacing is fine)

## Concert Uniform (need by first concert on Oct 21)

Concert Choir - *a robe is provided*

- white shirt
- black dress pants (no leggings, jeans, athletic pants, or skirts)
- black dress shoes (no sneakers or tennis/athletic shoes; not more than 1" heel)
- solid black socks (unless your shoes look best without socks)

Chamber Ensemble - *dresses are provided to ladies; red vests/ties are provided to guys*

- guys need black tuxedo jacket, white dress shirt, & black dress pants
- black dress shoes (no sneakers or tennis/athletic shoes; not more than 1" heel)
- solid black socks (unless your shoes look best without socks)

## Required Events

- Sun, Oct 21 @ 3:00pm (call time 2:30) - Fall Concert @ WHS Auditorium
- Sun, Dec 16 @ 4:00pm (call time 3:30) - Winter Concert @ WHS Auditorium
- Sun, Feb 10 @ 3:00-6:00pm - Fine Arts Festival @ WHS Viking Center

- Sun, Mar 10 @ 4:00pm (call time 3:30) - Pre-Festival Concert @ WHS Auditorium
- Wed/Thu/Fri, Mar 13/14/15 (day TBD) @ TBD (possibly into afternoon/evening) - District Choral Festival @ Grand Haven H.S.
- Mon/Tue, May 6/7 (day TBD) @ TBD (possibly into afternoon/evening) - State Choral Festival @ Hope College
- Sun, May 19 @ 3:00pm (call time 2:30) - Pops Concert @ WHS Auditorium

### Required Events Info

- Students will receive a grade for attending each required event. If absent from a required event, students can make up their points by meeting with Mr. Wright outside of choir class **within one week of the missed event** to perform their songs for him. Students are responsible for talking to Mr. Wright to set up a time to meet (not the other way around). If they fail to do this, they will receive a zero for the event with no other way to make up the points.
- For district & state choral festival, each choir will be scheduled on one of these days. Please try to schedule as little as possible during all the potential festival dates, including into the afternoon & evening. We'll know specific dates/times for each choir as we get closer.
- Visit [www.whitehallchoirs.net](http://www.whitehallchoirs.net) and click on "Calendar - H.S." for a list of non-required events.

### Parent Info

Please do the following for each parent/guardian that wants to receive choir information throughout the school year:

- Visit this website to fill out a short google survey with your name, email, & cell phone number: [tinyurl.com/yb7maj8u](http://tinyurl.com/yb7maj8u)
- Join "Remind" (group text messaging service) by texting your child's class code below to the number 81010 (if you already use the remind app, simply add your child's class code below)
  - code for concert choir: @whchoircon
  - code for chamber ensemble: @whchoircha

### Volunteer

Parents are kindly asked to volunteer for at least 1 choir event this school year. The signup list can be found here: [tinyurl.com/y92tnn2j](http://tinyurl.com/y92tnn2j). Please sign up for something today if possible, so we can get everything set and not have to scramble at the last minute. Thank you!

### Background Form

If you signed up to volunteer, please fill out the attached background form and have your child return it to Mr. Wright. If you've already filled out a background form **this school year** for Whitehall Schools, just write "already done" across the top & have your child return it to Mr. Wright so he knows you're all set.

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*CHECK EACH COMPLETED ITEM BELOW, CUT & RETURN THIS BOTTOM PART TO MR. WRIGHT*

- I visited [www.whitehallchoirs.net](http://www.whitehallchoirs.net) to see what it looks like (*check back often for updates!*)
- My child has all their class materials (or I have a plan to get them asap)
- I have a plan to get all concert uniform items by October 21st
- I put all the required events on my calendar
- I understand required events are graded & understand the policy for missing them
- I will try to keep the possible dates for both festivals as clear as possible until they're scheduled
- I submitted my contact info with the above google survey link
- I joined my child's choir class on "Remind"
- I signed up for at least 1 choir event to volunteer at with the above link
- I completed the attached background form & will have it returned to Mr. Wright

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Parent Name

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Date

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Child Name