

FHS Music Classes

7th-12th Grade Choir and Percussion

Calendar

- We have a lot of extra performances this year.
 - Chamber
 - Western A Festival in Hamilton (\$10-\$15 each)
 - Dolce Canto – 1 in Missoula, 1 in St. Ignatius
 - U of M in the spring
 - 7/8 Honor Choir
 - U of M on October 17
 - With Bella Armonia and Porterliers
 - Accidentals
 - Christmas Caroling

Concerts

- Attendance is required.
- Warm-ups/dress rehearsal @ 5:00
- Concerts all at 6:00
 - Except for the extra concerts mentioned before
- Students are only dismissed after they hang their tux/gown/robe/polo and put away the risers, shell, instruments, music stands, etc.
 - Please, no excuses.
 - If everyone helps, we will all be done in 5-10 minutes.

Concert Dress

- Black dress shoes are required for all classes
 - Nothing higher than a 2” heel, please
- Mixed choir also needs black pants and black socks
- 7th and 8th choirs need nice jeans
 - We provide polos
- Percussion – all black
- Long hair should be up or back so it’s not in your face.
- No jewelry, please.

Extra-Curricular

- If a student needs to miss rehearsal, the parent/gurdian is required to call, text or email Mr. Bashor before rehearsal begins.
 - (406) 531-2274
 - troybashor@gmail.com
- Just like sports, we have a set schedule. Try to think of that when planning other events.
 - Accidentals and 7th/8th honor choir only meet once per week.
- Regular attendance is paramount to the success of the ensembles!
- Students must be eligible to participate.

Fund raising

- Each class will be able to fund raise once per year. Students are never required to fund raise but we would all appreciate your help.
- Chamber Chorale is going to Salt Lake City (after school board approval). We're aiming for mid-February. (Chaperons needed!)
- Percussion will be purchasing sticks and mallets for marching percussion; we will also be looking at purchasing Brazilian Samba Band instruments.
- All choirs need folders!
- Chocolate, citrus, raffle a large ticket item. Any parent/guardian help would be fantastic.

Music Festival

- District Music Festival is required for all high school music students. Chamber Chorale and Advanced Percussion members must also perform as a soloist, or in a small ensemble (2-16 people) to earn the honors credit.
- District and State Music Festivals are hosted in Missoula this year
 - Always against track and softball tournaments
 - Parents/guardians need to bring their students to the Saturday events. A bus is always available so let Mr. Bashor know if this is impossible for your family.

Music Festival

- Mixed choir and beginning percussion members are not required to perform solos or small ensembles; however, they are required to perform with their respective classes.
- Sight reading for an adjudicator is required for every class!
- 6th-8th grade solo days are in the works... more info coming soon.

All-Northwest/ACDA National

- Not required but an amazing opportunity.
- Auditions for these honor choirs need to be recorded and paid for by September 23rd.
- NAFME All-Northwest is in Bellevue, WA (February) Band, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz
 - \$20 audition, \$345 to participate, \$100 Missoula Bus
 - **HS Only**
- ACDA National is in Minneapolis, MN (March)
 - \$35 audition, \$120 registration, Flight/Hotel?
 - **Grades 6-12**

Social Media

- There are Facebook pages for each HS class!
- Please search for FHS Chamber Chorale, FHS Mixed Choir, FHS Percussion, FHS Accidentals, FHS Varsity Women, FHS Advanced Women, etc.
- We don't have to be friends, just ask join the group (but only if you're in the group)
- Keep comments professional!

Social Media

- www.ftsd.org/music has pages specific to most classes, rehearsal tracks, honor roll, community announcements, musical theater information, etc.
- Blow up the internet with announcements for concerts, fund raising, musical theater performances, suggestions of literature (again, stay professional), pictures before/after concerts
- Be sure that you're representing your family and Frenchtown schools to the best of your ability.

Communication

- Have a question? Email, call or text anytime.
 - I'll answer as soon as I can.
- Have a suggestion? See above
- Want to volunteer? See above
- Want to complain? Have you volunteered yet or tried one of the above?

Coffee scholarships

- We have Bronc Espresso back stage
 - Liquid Planet Espresso, Chai and Hot Chocolate
 - Job training
- Profits go toward musical theater productions and summer camp scholarships.
- Over \$1,200 in scholarships for each of the last two years!
 - Choir, band, piano, MCT or other musical theater, Next Step Prep, Northern Ambassadors of Music, barber shop choir, and more.

Enrichment

- One of the best ways to learn about our craft, and all of the Arts, is to experience them in many different ways.
- Go to other high school and junior high concerts and productions.
- Go to performances at the college, and MCT.
- Take a dance class and/or private lessons.
- Go to the Missoula Symphony, City Band, Dolce Canto, Mendelssohn Club, Very Special Arts Choir, Missoula Gay Men's Chorus, watch street musicians and live music in the mall, Pura Vida, etc.

Let's have a
great year!