



Shelby City Schools Middle School Choir Policies **2018-2019**

The Shelby Choirs have maintained a long tradition in fine choral singing not only within the city of Shelby, but the state of Ohio as well. If we are to continue to raise the educational bar, it is vital that we continue to strive to become a more structured and strongly unified group; a well oiled machine in other words. This will only become possible when we are all aware of the short and long goals of this choral organization. Once this is established, it is imperative that each member abides by the policies set forth within this handbook. The Shelby Choir Policies are prepared to ensure that each student and parent is aware of the policies and agrees to abide by them.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances are required unless the student is ill or, at the discretion of the director, has been excused prior to the rehearsal / performance. Any changes that are made on the Shelby Choir calendar will be posted on Google Calendar. You may access this calendar from the Shelby City Schools web site (**www.shelbyk12.org/choir**) and click on “calendar”, or use the SCS Text Alert system, found on the opening web site page. It is highly recommended that you add the Shelby Choirs and Whippet Theatre alerts to avoid missing an event.

Pre-excused absences require prior parental notification. Parental notification of a performance conflict must be received 30 or more days prior to the event, to be considered for review. At that time, I will review each of the requests on an individual basis.

BEHAVIOR

Students will at all time conduct themselves according to the Shelby City School’s Student Conduct Code.

The possession, use, or consumption of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or any controlled substance by a student while he or she is participating in any choir activity or while representing the choir shall not be tolerated. The penalty for this offense is dismissal from the choral program.

Chewing gum, eating, or using cell phones during rehearsals or performances is not permitted. A locked area will be provided for safe keeping. Pencils and music folders are expected to be present at every rehearsal. A note home or detentions may be assigned for each offense.

While traveling with the choir, students will be considerate of others. School and bus rules will apply with all choir functions. Depending on the situation, consumption of food or drink may be limited while traveling on the school bus. Foul language and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Guest teachers, music assistants, chaperones and student leaders will be treated with respect all times. A note home or detentions may be assigned for each offense. Students who cannot conduct themselves in a manner befitting the Shelby Choirs will not be permitted to travel with the Choir.

DRESS POLICY

All choir students are required to wear the following outfits:

Middle School Attire
Red Choir Polo, Black pants, Black Socks and Black Dress shoe

*Please note: Sandals, flip-flops, tennis shoes,
leggings, tight pants, sweat pants are unacceptable.*

Red choir polo shirts can be purchased for \$15.00 or used for \$5.00 (limited quantities). Please make the check payable to *The Shelby Choir Parents*.

DISCIPLINE

It is expected that students abide by the following three rules in the classroom at all times: (1) respect students (others and self); (2) respect leaders (teachers, substitutes, guest clinicians, student leaders, etc.); (3) respect school property (choir folders, music, etc.). Failure to follow these rules will result in a note home that needs to be signed by a parent or guardian acknowledging the negative behavior. Further consequences will be discussed in a phone call home if the issue persists. Detentions may also be assigned at the discretion of the director. Additional behavioral problems may result in removal of the student from all choir activities, to be determined, by the directors and administration.

GRADES

Since Choir is a co-curricular activity and a **performing** ensemble, an unexcused absence from a performance **will** result in a letter grade of **not higher than "C" for that grading period**. Missing required rehearsals, without a valid excuse, may cause for removal from that concert performance.

Grades will be based on performances, daily participation, music quizzes and tests in addition to completion of additional assigned work. Progress book will be updated bi-weekly to provide an accurate account of your student's progress completed and incomplete assignments.



PARENTS

The positive support of ALL choir parents throughout the year is an essential part of our choir program. Parental help in chaperoning trips, driving students to and from rehearsals, attending performances, and picking students up on time is greatly appreciated. The Choir Parents Organization and student activities provide the vast majority of funds necessary to maintain our program. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! In order for our students and community to continue to enjoy our fine program, please help out with our projects. We are looking at several Fundraising ideas, such as **Butter Braids, Raffles, and a Taco Bar.**

Enclosed in this packet is a calendar listing all choir activities for the school year. Please mark these dates on your family calendar *now* to avoid conflicts. If a conflict arises, please contact me ASAP.

Please return in an envelope with the student's name:

1.) Understanding of Shelby Choir Policies and Choir Polo Shirt Form

If you are writing a check for the Choir Polo, please make it out to ***THE SHELBY CHOIR PARENTS.***

Please return the items requested to us no later than Friday, August 31. These items **will be** counted as a grade for the students. As in the past, all of these must be completed and returned in order for your student to continue to participate in the Shelby Choral program.

If there are any additional questions or concerns that may not have not been addressed in this syllabus, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number or the email below.

We are looking forward to a great year working with your children. Please feel free to contact us at school any time you have questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

(30 - day notice)

Today's Date _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Grade: 6th. 7th. 8th. HS

Performance Date Conflict _____

Performance Event _____

Reason for request

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

How would you like me to contact you:

Phone _____ Email _____

(Choir office use only)

Date received _____

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

ATTIRE KEY - C (Concert Red/Black), P (Polos and Jeans)

DATE	TIME	PLACE	ATTIRE
Sunday, September 30, 2018	2 pm / 1:30 pm call	BUTTER BRAID CONCERT SHS PAC	C
Saturday, October 20, 2018	2:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Whippet Theatre JR MADAGASCAR Workshop (SHS PAC)	TBD
Thursday, November 15, 2018	TBD - during school day	VETERAN'S CONCERT Shelby Middle School	C
Fri., December 7, 2018 (tent.) Sat., December 7, 2018	7:30 pm 2:30 pm/7:30 pm	Whippet Theatre HS CINDERELLA SHS PAC	TBD
Tuesday, December 18, 2018	7:00 pm / 6:30 pm call	SMS COMBINED WINTER CONCERT SHS PAC / Meet in Choir Room	C
March 22 - 24, 2019	7 pm, 7 pm, 2pm.	DESTINATION TO STARDOM SMS DAJLT (Select Groups)	TBD
Saturday, April 6, 2019	TBD	OMEA Jr. High S & E NORTHMOR JR/SR (Select Group)	TBD
Tuesday, May 7, 2019	7:00 pm 6:30 pm call	SPRING CONCERT SHS PAC	C
Saturday, May 11, 2019	TBD	OMEA Jr. High Large Group Adjudication BIG WALNUT HS (Select Group)	C
Thursday, May 30, 2019	TBD	MUSIC IN THE PARKS Cedar Point	C/J

TBD - To Be Determined PAC - (High School Performing Arts)

DJLT - (Middle School David A. Jones Little Theatre)

WHIPPET THEATRE
PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	SHOW
Tuesday, August 28, 2018 Wednesday, August 29, 2018 Thursday, August 30, 2018	2:45 pm -4:00 pm	Whippet Theatre JR AUDITIONS / WORKSHOP FOR MADAGASCAR KIDS SHS PAC
Monday, September 10, 2018 Tuesday, September 11, 2018 Wednesday, September 12, 2018	4 pm - 6:30 pm 4 pm - 6:30 pm 4 pm - 5:30 pm	Whippet Theatre HS AUDITIONS FOR CINDERELLA SHS PAC
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