

# McEachern Chorus Informational Night 2021-2022

## McEachern Chorus Booster Club

A Volunteer Organization composed of parents of chorus students and the chorus director.

McEachern Chorus Booster Club's objectives are:

- To create & maintain an enthusiastic interest in the McEachern Chorus Program
- To organize, sponsor & fund projects in the chorus program
- To purchase, receive, develop, and maintain equipment and supplies for the enrichment of the chorus program
- To provide financial and organizational support to the McEachern High School Chorus Director in the pursuit of excellence in music education.

## Grading and Discipline

### Grading System

Grading will be based on the director's evaluation of each student's work done in class and during after school rehearsals and performances, with emphasis on daily participation/rehearsal competency, preparation for performances, general improvement in actively singing, written tests, and singing tests. All grading areas/tests will be based upon the 100-point scale. The following is a basic guideline for weight given to specific areas and subject to change at semester change. **Classroom Performance, Midterm, Test, Final Exam, and Performance Evaluation!**

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Each student is expected to do the following:

1. Be at the right place at the right time with the correct music and the right attitude.
2. Pay attention in class and be considerate of the rights of others to learn.
3. Have a positive attitude and patience when success is not immediate.
4. Approach singing any genre in a serious manner.
5. Remember that everything you do affects everyone else in the class.
6. Practice, practice, practice!
7. **HYGEINE, HYGEINE, HYGEINE!!!**
8. Abide by guidelines as set forth in the MHS Student Handbook and this MHS Chorus Program Handbook.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents should make every effort to do the following:

### **ATTEND CONCERTS AND INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND**

1. Provide encouragement for student effort -- let him/her give a concert for you.
2. Provide a quiet, private place for the student to practice.
3. Communicate with the director in a timely manner - both positive situations and developing problems of the student.
4. Help the student in his/her efforts to fulfill the responsibilities listed in the sections of this handbook.
5. Encourage the student to take private lessons to work on vocal technique. **Private lessons will give your student the individual attention necessary to take auditions for extra-curricular choruses.**

## Conduct

It is expected that chorus students are exceptional and take responsibility seriously. Since the conduct of a chorus student reflects not only on himself/herself, but also on all chorus students, the school, and the community, each student is required to follow all expectations listed below:

1. Common courtesy and respect for others. "Others" includes students within the chorus and anyone who comes in contact with chorus members during chorus activities and performances.
2. **Mature conduct in all situations, good etiquette is a part of the concert grade.**
3. **Unpack immediately once you arrive in class and be seated to warm up by 2 minutes after the bell. Our time is valuable!**
4. Follow school rules and policies as outlined in the MHS Handbook for Students.
5. Handle your own materials and not someone else's without his or her permission.
6. Follow all specific performance, festival, and trip policies.
7. **No talking, food, drink, gum, or candy is permitted in class or at performances.**
8. **ABSOLUTELY ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CELL-PHONES!!!!**

## Performances

Performances permit the students to share what they have learned with the public. Concerts have two major purposes. One purpose is for the student to experience the interpreting of music for and with an audience. Students will display technical growth and the expression of the musical language. The other purpose is for the student to experience music with an educated ear. Listening is as important as the singing of music. Most of us are listeners and a goal of music education is to develop better listening skills in our students. A student who hears with a trained ear listens with more depth.

## Performance Uniforms

The goal of the performance uniform is to enable a group to look as good as it sounds. The McEachern High School Chorus is an impressive group of talented student musicians and we should look the part!

### The Formal Uniform

Gentlemen: Basic black tuxedo with black satin stripe down the pant legs, purchased through the dealer assigned or approved by the directors. White tuxedo shirt, **black dress shoes, black socks**, and black cummerbund and tie.

Ladies: Black Short-sleeved dress purchased through the dealer assigned by the director. **Black closed-toe dress shoes and skin tone stockings!** If the ladies wear any accessories, such as a hair clip, it must not be a distraction for audience members in any way. The directors must approve the accessories before a student is allowed to perform. In general, no jewelry is permitted and hair must be pulled back out of the face.

# **McEachern High School Chorus Schedule of Activities (2021-2022)**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ will be committed to the BOLD dates below or will be responsible for make-up assignment per Chorus Handbook.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	EVENT SITE
8/26/21	**7:00pm	Chorus Kick-Off Meeting	PAC – Chorus Room
TBD	TBA	Tri-M Induction	McEachern PAC
<b>10/18/21</b>	<b>**After-School</b>	<b>Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>McEachern PAC</b>
<b>10/19/21</b>	<b>**7:00pm</b>	<b>(Call Time – 6:00pm) Fall Chorus Concert</b>	<b>McEachern PAC</b>
TBA	N/A	Chorus Fundraiser (2 Weeks Only)	PAC- Chorus Room
<b>11/11/21</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Veteran’s Day Assembly</b>	<b>McEachern PAC</b>
12/7/21	**7:00pm	(Call Time-6:00pm) Holiday Spectacular Concert	McEachern PAC
<b>3/3/22</b>	<b>**7:00pm</b>	<b>**Pre-LGPE Concert</b>	<b>McEachern PAC</b>
<b>3/24-25/21</b>	<b>**TBD</b>	<b>**Large Group Performance Evaluation</b>	<b>Harrison High School</b>
Late March	N/A	Chorus Trip – ????	TBD
<b>4/26/22</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Spring Show</b>	<b>PAC Theater</b>
TBA	7:00pm	Chorus End of Year Banquet and Awards	McEachern Memorial UMC
TBD		Fox Theater – TBD	
		Morehouse/Spelman Holiday Concert	
		Atlanta Hawks – Star Spangled Banner	

**We will have chorus outings and will be announced well in advance for you to adjust your schedule if need be!**

**\*\* Mandatory event for Chorus members as part of course requirement**

***We understand and accept the policies and responsibilities for Chorus students as stated in the 2021-2022 McEachern High School Chorus Program Handbook.***

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_