



Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
Choral Department
Mrs. Jennifer Moore, Director



August 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you had a wonderful and blessed summer break! I am excited for this upcoming school year here at CVCA. Please take some time to read through this *Choir Handbook*. I've tried to be concise, yet give you information which will help you plan your year. I know schedules are so busy and I understand about conflicts, but also want my students to be organized, committed and responsible; (hence the yearly schedule included in this packet.) Please note, that the Gospel Choir, Chamber Singers and Show Choir will have additional performances scheduled throughout the year in addition to what is listed. Part of being in one of those choirs is getting the opportunity to perform outside of the regular school concert schedule. This is our ministry time and we want to be able to put on quality performances. Every attempt will be made to let you know of performances ASAP. We are currently looking for more performance opportunities for these groups that would be worthwhile, so please don't hesitate to call if you have one in mind. Remember that our concerts are equivalent to an exam in another class and have *Mandatory* attendance.

This handbook also reviews my Discipline and Grading Policies and attendance at concerts. I understand that conflicts do arise and it *is* possible to make up for an absence if necessary, but the goal is to be able to show what you've learned and share the gift of music with others!!

When you have finished reading the *Choir Handbook*, please sign and date the final page. Students need to turn this in for a grade by September 4th! Also, please turn in the *Choir T-shirt order form* found in the back by *September 4th* with a *\$15.00 check* made out to *CVCA*. Shirts need to be ordered in time for the Fall Pops Concert.

Thank you again for your continued support of our choir program!

I welcome help at anytime ☺ as it is just me and over 180 choir students in six different performance groups! Please call or email me if you have any questions; jmoore@cvcroyals.org or 330-929-0575 ext. 227.

Musically yours,
Mrs. Jennifer L. Moore

Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy Choir Concerts 2009-2010

This is the choir concert schedule so that you may plan accordingly for this year. Your participation in choir does require extra-curricular attendance and rehearsals and concerts are Mandatory. You have received this on the first day of school so, you have been given ample planning time.

Please post these and place them on your calendars.
Concert which are underlined are for ALL SIX CHOIRS.

****Tuesday October 20th** **Fine Arts Pops Concert 7:00-9:30 (ALL CHOIRS)**

Show Choir Arrive: 5:45 in uniforms **ALL OTHER CHOIRS WARM-UP AT 6:15 IN CAFETERIA!!!**
Junior High Choir, Women's Chorale and Concert Choir WEAR: **Choir t-shirts with Khaki uniform pants**
Gospel Choir WEAR: Choir t-shirt with Black pants or skirts Chamber Singer's WEAR: New uniforms!!

****Tuesday Nov. 24th** **Quaker Square Performance**

Women's Chorale, Concert Choir & Chamber Singers: Depart from CVCA around 1:00 Perform Time: 3:00
Return Time: TBA (around 7:00) Attire: Robes *We will be eating at Spaghetti Warehouse for dinner -\$13

****REHEARSALS FOR CONCERT CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS**

Monday November 30th 3:30-5:00 *Messiah Rehearsal w/ Orchestra*
Tuesday December 1st 3:30-5:00 *Messiah Rehearsal w/ Orchestra*
Wednesday December 2nd 3:30-5:00 *Messiah Rehearsal w/ Orchestra*

****Thursday December 3rd 7:00 pm** **Messiah Sing-a-Long Concert**

Concert Choir & Chamber Singers Arrive 6:15 **Concert Choir Attire:** Dark pants, skirts, white dress shirts/ties-guys
Chamber Singer Attire: New uniforms

****Thursday December 17th** **Christmas Concert 7:00-9:30 (ALL CHOIRS)**

Show Choir Arrive: 5:45 in uniforms. **ALL OTHER CHOIRS WARM-UP AT 6:15 IN CAFETERIA!!!**
Concert Choir Attire: Robes **Chamber Singers** Attire: New uniforms
Gospel Choir Attire: Choir T-shirts **Women's Chorale** Attire: Robes
Junior High Choir Attire: Boys: Navy/Black uniform pants and ties OR holiday colored sweater/vests. Girls: Black and white dress pants/skirts/shirts OR holiday dress any color. Look your BEST!

****Friday, February 5th Tentative Spaghetti Dinner/Concert Fund Raiser 4:00-7:00 pm**

****Saturday, February 13th Senior High Solo and Ensemble Contest**

All Chamber Singers are required to attend and participate. More information given in October.

****Choir/Handbell Tour March 10th-13th**

*****Musical April 23rd, 24th, and 30th and May 1st "Annie"**

****Friday May 7th Gospel Choir at Kent State University for 7:00pm concert details TBA**

****Thursday May 13th Spring Choir Concert 7:30-9:15 (ALL CHOIRS)**

Show Choir Arrive: 6:00 Attire: Show Choir Outfits **ALL CHOIRS WARM-UP AT 6:30 IN CAFETERIA!!!**
Concert Choir Attire: Robes **Chamber Singers** Attire: New uniforms
Gospel Choir Attire: Choir T-shirts and black pants/skirts **Women's Chorale** Attire: Robes
Junior High Choir Attire: Boys: Navy/Black uniform pants and ties
Girls: Black dress pants or black skirts/ and white shirts. Look your BEST!

Friday May 15th Junior High Large Group Contest (Time/Place TBA)
Attire: Black and white

Grading Policy

You EARN your grade in choir by participating in the following activities:

1. Class preparation.....90 pts. total
-Once a week folder checks (10 pts. each)
Each folder **MUST** have all music marked **IN PENCIL** and numbered, a pencil and the choir handbook or calendar.
2. Class participation.....100 pts. total
3. Rehearsal/Performance participation....300-350 pts.
-Sectional Rehearsals.....50 pts. each Performance.....300 pts. each

Points will be deducted from you grade for:

- ...not being prepared for class with an organized folder and pencil.
- ...not participating satisfactory in class (* see discipline policy below)
- ...not following classroom rules
- ...not turning in worksheets
- ...low grades on music quizzes and tests
- ...not checking off music for concerts
- ...not showing up to sectional practice or failing to make up an absence at a sectional
- ...unexcused absence to a rehearsal or concert.

Choir Discipline Policy

Communication is an integral part of what we do. Noise is one enemy of good communication. Talking is a serious problem during choir rehearsals, as well as gum chewing, not being prepared, being late to class, having a negative attitude, as well as many other actions which could disrupt class.

Following are the consequences for certain inappropriate actions during choir:

1 st Offense	Verbal Warning
2 nd Offense	Call or email home to parent
3 rd Offense	Lose 5 Participation points
4 th Offense	Lose 10 participation points and referral to the office.

Classroom Passes

- Each student will be given three passes a nine weeks to use for the restroom or locker.
 - Additional passes may be “purchased” for 5 participation points each.
- Please sign out each time on the clipboard with your name, time and destination.

Students and parents please sign and date the
Choir Covenant below and turn in by September 4th
Thank you.

We have received and read the Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy's Choir Grading Policy, Classroom Rules and Yearly Calendar. We will adhere to the guidelines and understand the consequences for unexcused absences to sectionals and performances. We will give two weeks prior notice of any conflicts for performances that our child will have to miss by signing an absence excuse form and will also follow up with a phone call within 24 hours. We understand that work is NOT an excuse for high school students and that employers MUST give students leave for school events that affect their grades. Students who must miss a performance due to a prior commitment or conflict must make up that time by writing a four page paper (topic given by director) and by completing 2 worksheets. Students will have one week from the absence to turn this work in. If work is not turned in on time their grade will be an "F" for that concert.

In the event of an emergency a phone call MUST be made to the director prior to the performance if possible or at least within 24 hours. A written note BY THE PARENTS must be turned in the following day the child is back at school. We understand that any absences that are not emergencies and do not follow these guidelines will result in an "F" for our child on that performance.

We also understand the importance of the students keeping track of their choir folders and music. The music is our curriculum for the class and any missing music at the end of the performance period will result in a replacement charge for the cost of the music. Signing the form signifies that you have received and read the CVCA Choir Handbook. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. 330-929-0575 ext. 227.

**Please turn this form in by Friday September 4th for a QUIZ GRADE!
Also, please remember to turn in the Choir T-shirt fee of \$15.00 by
September 4th. Checks can be made out to CVCA. Thank you.**

I have received and read the CVCA Choir Handbook for 2098-2010 and will abide by the guidelines it contains.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **DATE** _____

PARENTS/GUARDIAN _____ **DATE** _____



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We are asking that each family who has a child participating in choir next year, to please fill out the "Choir Volunteer" form. We would like **each** family to volunteer for just one act of service next year with the choir. This could take the form of any of the activities listed below. Also, if God has given you any unique talents that would be a benefit to the choir, please feel free to write that in. Please turn this form in by September 4th. Thank you for all of your support of the CVCA Chorale Department.

Choir Volunteer Form

I would be willing to help out the choir in the following ways:

_____ **Help supervise students during concerts.**

_____ **Help supervise students on field trips.**

_____ **Available during the day for misc. office work.**

_____ **Help with robes and costumes before and after concerts.**

_____ **Bake items for bake sales for concerts.**

_____ **Help organize, collect and count \$ for fund raisers.**

_____ **Volunteer Coordinator (someone who doesn't mind making phone calls.)**

Name _____ **phone #** _____

Parents email: _____

Student in choir next year: _____