



VOCE VIRTUALE CHOIR HANDBOOK 2020-21

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To register, go to <https://forms.gle/2KZaeiAb9G2A6v5e9>

Welcome to the Voce Virtuale Choir! This choir, whose name means “Virtual Voices” is open to students who like to sing and perform, show high standards for themselves, and treat others with respect. Please read **all** the following information, then register online at the above link.

Schedule

- Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8:25am - 8:45am
- Meet on Zoom, link provided on our Canvas “Voce Virtuale” course.



Performance Expectations:

Due to the nature of Covid-19, we do not plan to have any in-person performances this year. However, we will provide several virtual performance opportunities – one in December, one in May, and possibly a third one TBA. Students are encouraged to participate in all performances to their best of their ability considering technology challenges. Please let your music teacher know if you need any assistance with accessing choir or any performances.

Choir Expectations

Attendance/Commitment: Since choir is a skill-based class, attendance at every rehearsal is essential. Students are expected to participate for the full choir season (November – May). If a student is absent from a rehearsal, he/she will miss the practice that is necessary for individual and team success. As with math or reading, we learn new skills every day. To expect a student to demonstrate skills learned in his/her absence would be unfair. **If a student is ill or having technological difficulties, then notify Ms. Gliebe or Ms. Rosberg through Remind or email.**

Classroom grades: In addition to their classroom work, choir students are expected to practice outside of rehearsal. However, schoolwork takes precedence, and students are expected to keep up with their school work. If a student falls behind in schoolwork, or is struggling with grades, the student will be asked to take a break from choir for the semester. The student can return the next semester if his/her grades are up and missing work is turned in.

Digital Citizenship: It is expected that all choir students behave responsibly, respectfully, and safely at all times. We represent our schools and must act according to our school values during choir. We will:

- **Be kind and safe** (in actions and in words).
- **Be active participants** (quiet learning space, be prepared, camera on if possible, follow along with voice and body)
- **Do hard things** (always try your best)

If a student has difficulty meeting these expectations, she/he may be dismissed from the group for the remainder of the year upon meeting with parent, principal, counselor, and teacher.

Teacher/Parent Communication: There are three primary ways families will receive communication from the music director:

- Music Classroom Websites: Families can go to gleebeemusic.weebly.com or msrosbergsmusicroom.weebly.com to find updates.
- Emails: Teachers will send out email communication periodically with updates.
- Remind: A school-wide messaging system where families can receive texts/emails with updates.

We are looking forward to an exciting year and are glad you are choosing to be a part of it!

~Ms. Gliebe and Ms. Rosberg
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