

OXFORD CHOIRS

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For Parents & Students

PLUS IMPORTANT FORMS ATTACHED!!!!

Participation Agreement (Required)

Friends of the Choir Form (Optional)

Gold Card Pre-Order Form (Optional)

Boot Camp forms located at oxfordchoirs.com

REMEMBER TO TURN IN THE \$20 UNIFORM FEE!!!!

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CHOIR INFORMATION

MYP CHOIR SYLLABUS

Please read the MYP Choir syllabus located at oxfordchoirs.com. To save paper and ink it is located online. Curriculum, grading and attendance policies are located in this document.

FALL IB UNIT - *What is Your Why?*

Our choir slogan is *More Than Just Music*. As an IB world choir we discuss and develop characteristics of advanced students that are caring, inquiring, principled, knowledgeable, risk-takers, thinking, communicators, open-minded, balanced and reflective. We believe that as our vocalists develop themselves as responsible musicians with positive character our choirs will be stronger and more united in delivering performances of the highest standard.

UNIFORMS / UNIFORM FEE

Uniform Fee is \$20 per student. Formal uniforms will be used for our Fall, Christmas and Winter concerts.

Each member of our choirs will be loaned a school owned formal uniform in a uniform bag. In addition to the uniform provided girls MUST provide closed toe black shoes. Flats are recommended due to long periods of standing. Guys must provide black dress shoes and black dress socks and will be wearing a tuxedo with vest and long tie.

The uniform fee does not cover damaged uniforms. If your uniform is damaged you will be billed for repair or replacement. The uniform fee is due by Friday September 8th. Let Mr. Card know if you have trouble paying this fee.

GOLD CARDS

The best fundraiser we offer is the Oxford Fine Arts Gold Card! For \$10 you can purchase a Gold Card that will get you amazing discounts at local business that are good until next September! My family saves hundreds of dollars each year by using the Gold Card at McDonald's, Little Caesars, Vendetti's, Jet's, Domino's and more! A pre-order form is included in this packet. Gold Cards are available now!

FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR

Over the past years we have been blessed to have many families become a Friend of the Choir. Friends of the Choir are patrons that donate funds to meet the many needs of our choir program. Our Silver & Gold Level sponsorships are very popular as they have a thank you gift of Reserved VIP Tables for 8 at one of our always sold out Many Moods of Christmas showings. You can use the order form in this packet to become a 2017-18 Friend of the Choir. **Note that show preference and table assignments for Friends of the Choir will be based on when registrations are received**, so don't delay in becoming a Friend of the Choir.

RESERVED TICKETS

Due to OHS Choirs continually developing their level of performance excellence our concerts are becoming more and more popular in the community and with family and friends. Patrons will want to arrive early for an OHS choir concert because the auditorium gets filled to capacity and beyond. We have had standing room only crowds at our concerts in the past.

Our Fall and Spring concerts are free. However, to raise funds for our choir program, and to meet the desire for patrons to be guaranteed an awesome seat in the front center section, we will be offering reserved seating tickets for sale in advance. The benefits of having a Reserved Seat are that you will be further supporting the choir program and can arrive just before the concert and avoid the rush to get a great seat (or even a seat at all!). Reserved seating tickets will go on sale 2-3 weeks prior to the concerts.

WEBSITE

Our choir website is the source of important information. Any important information that is handed out in class will also be available on our website. We also have videos online of past performances. Check it all out at oxfordchoirs.com

YOUTUBE

Our choir has a YouTube channel where videos of many of our songs are posted for the world to see. Our videos have over one million views! Check out some of our past videos on YouTube!

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns about the coming year of choir, please feel free to email Mr. Card at christopher.card@oxfordschools.org. Email is the best way to contact Mr. Card, normal response time is less than 24 hours.

CONCERTS AND ACTIVITIES

BOOT CAMP - September 8-9 (Sept 7th for Leadership Training Night)

Choir students are invited to participate in Boot Camp 2017 - a two day camp that will be an intensely fun experience developing discipline, character and camaraderie. This will be an experience you will never forget - this will be a GREAT way to start off your school year. Boot Camp is optional - you don't have to attend, but it will be worth it if you can! **There are limited spots available! Deadline for application is Thursday August 31st.**

We will need a few parents to serve as chaperones for Boot Camp. Parents, please consider helping us out for Boot Camp - we guarantee you will have fun and be appreciated!

FALL CONCERT - CROSSING BORDERS 7p October 18th

Our Fall Concert will feature songs from cultures other than our own. This multi-cultural experience will be enjoyable and worthwhile for our students and community.

MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS 2017 - December 14-16

The Oxford HS Choirs Many Moods of Christmas shows have become an annual tradition for a great many families in the Oxford area. This professional quality Christmas Show features the best of holiday desserts and traditional Christmas music. The choirs produce five showings over three nights that always sell out in advance. Many Moods of Christmas information packets will be sent home right after Thanksgiving. This is a show you won't want to miss, make sure to invite family and friends!

CONDUCTOR-IN-RESIDENCE CONCERT - Shirley Lemon, Conductor - 7p February 23, 2018

We will be taking the Winter months to prepare a 45 minute program of great choral music that our combined choirs will perform under the direction of veteran conductor Shirley Lemon. For 35 years Shirley Lemon served as Director of Choirs for Grand Haven High School. Her ensembles have been chosen 25 times as one of the top ensembles in the state. Her top choir was chosen 3 times as the Outstanding Choir in Michigan. Mrs. Lemon has served on the faculties of Hope College, Western Michigan University and Grand Valley State University. In preparation for this concert we will have an all day combined rehearsal on February 23rd. You WON'T want to miss this great concert!

AN EVENING OF DINNER AND THEATRE - Thursday March 1, 2018

We will be taking two charter buses to Detroit to enjoy fine dining at Hard Rock Cafe followed by a performance of Broadway's Les Miserables. More information will be available in December.

60's MUSIC REVOLUTION - 7p Thursday May 10, 2018

This year we present a spring show celebrating the music of the 60's! Our spring shows have become increasingly popular due to the energetic presentation of music of past decades featuring student produced choreography. Before the show we have a retro style dinner of burgers, dogs and floats!

COMMUNITY SERVICE TOUR - 5p Tuesday June 5, 2018

To end our year the choirs will be performing a selection of music for the nuns at Dominican Sisters of Peace and the Seniors at Independence Village. This has been a great way to perform in the community for residents that cannot always make it out to see us.

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FIRST SEMESTER 2017

All events are required unless indicated

September 7-9	Boot Camp (optional)
October 5	7p-9p Karaoke Night (optional)
October 11	9a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal
October 18	9a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal
October 18	7p Fall Concert - Crossing Borders (5:30p call)
December 6	8:30a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal at OHS
December 9	3:30p performance at Independence Village (optional)
December 13	7:30a-10:00a Wed morning rehearsal at OMS
December 14	7p Many Moods of Christmas at OMS (5:30p call)
December 15	6p & 8p Many Moods of Christmas at OMS
December 16	6p & 8p Many Moods of Christmas at OMS

SECOND SEMESTER 2018

All events are required unless indicated

February 14	9a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal
February 21	9a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal
February 23	All day combined rehearsals with Guest Conductor 7p Concert
March 1	Les Miserables Dinner/Theatre Night (optional)
May 10	60's Music Revolution Show & Dinner - 7p
June 5	Evening Community Service Tour - Nuns/Senior Citizens