

# 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/info handed out separately

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

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## MYP CHOIR SYLLABUS

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

## CONCERTS

Vocalists are required to participate in all of our choir concerts (exceptions can be made in certain situations). Oxford High School Choir concerts demonstrate high standards and always offer patrons and performers a memorable experience. The 2018-19 Concert Season offers some great entertainment! Note the concert schedule is included in this packet.

## REHEARSALS

Students are expected to provide a high level of engagement in daily rehearsals. Students do not need to be great singers to find success in choir, they just need to be willing to provide maximum effort on a daily basis to contribute to their personal growth, as well as that of their choir. We have a saying in choir - "what we do - we do together." Everyone actively contributes in choir. We have another saying in choir - "serious-fun". Serious-fun means we all apply self discipline and focus on growth, while having a great time working towards it. Please note there are a few Wednesday morning required rehearsals that are included on the calendar in this packet.

## 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. Mr. Card does not Haiku. Check it all out at [oxfordchoirs.com](http://oxfordchoirs.com)

## UNIFORMS / UNIFORM FEE

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 is \$20 per student. 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 Wednesday September 5th.** Please let Mr. Card know if you need assistance in 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

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 2018-19 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**

OHS Choir Concerts are very well attended. 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 offer reserved seating tickets for sale in advance. Reserved seating tickets will go on sale 2-3 weeks prior to the concerts.

## **FALL IB UNIT**

This Fall we will be discussing and doing activities related to the concept of PREPARE. "Before anything else, preparation is the key to success." - Alexander Graham Bell

## **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](mailto:christopher.card@oxfordschools.org). Email is the best way to contact Mr. Card, normal response time is less than 24 hours.

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## 2018-19 CONCERTS AND ACTIVITIES

### **BOOT CAMP - September 7-8 (Sept 6th for Leadership Training Night)**

Choir students are invited to participate in Boot Camp 2018 - a two day camp that is intensely fun and rewarding. Boot Camp offers a great relationship building experience while playing "one of a kind" team games that are unique to Boot Camp. We also have discussion sessions that help students develop discipline, character and camaraderie. This will be an experience you will never forget - and 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 30th.**

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! There are need based scholarships available to help students pay for Boot Camp.

### **FALL CONCERT - STAGE & SCREEN 7p October 17th**

Our Fall Concert will feature songs from musicals and movies! This will be a unique concert experience featuring some elements never before attempted on our stage. Patrons will not want to miss Stage & Screen!

### **MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS 2018 - 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!

### **IRELAND TOUR - February 6-13, 2019**

We have a large group of vocalists traveling to Ireland in February to represent Michigan in the "Festival of American Music in Ireland" Concert Series. OUR vocalists

### **CONDUCTOR-IN-RESIDENCE CONCERT - Trey Jacobs, Guest Conductor February 22, 2019**

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 acclaimed conductor Trey Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs is Director of Choral Studies at Nashville School of the Arts. Prior to moving to Nashville he served as the Artistic Director for the Turtle Creek Chorale, a 225 voice professional men's chorus that performs nationally and internationally. Mr. Jacobs has also served as Director of Choral Activities at Eastern Michigan University. In preparation for this concert we will have an all day combined rehearsal on February 22nd. You WON'T want to miss this great concert!

**70's MUSIC FEVER - 7p Thursday May 8 & 9, 2019**

This year we present a spring show celebrating the music of the 70'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 4, 2019**

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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## 2018-19 EVENTS

### FIRST SEMESTER

All events are required unless indicated

September 7-8	Boot Camp (optional)
October 4	7p-9p Karaoke Night (optional)
October 10	9a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal
October 17	8a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal
October 17	7p Fall Concert - Stage & Screen (5:00p call)
December 5	8:30a Wednesday morning combined rehearsal at OHS
December 8	3:30p performance at Independence Village (optional)
December 12	7:30a-10:00a Wed morning rehearsal at OMS
December 13	7p Many Moods of Christmas at OMS (5:30p call)
December 14	6p & 8p Many Moods of Christmas at OMS
December 15	6p & 8p Many Moods of Christmas at OMS

### SECOND SEMESTER

All events are required unless indicated

February 6-13	Ireland Trip (Select students)
February 22	All day combined rehearsals with Guest Conductor
	7p Concert
May 7	6p-9p Dress/Tech Rehearsal
May 8/9	70's Music Fever Show & Dinner
June 4	Evening Community Service Tour - Nuns/Senior Citizens