



2023-2024 GMHS Chorus Letter

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Hello! My name is Brooke Adkins and I am the Director of Choirs at Garner Magnet High School. I would like to welcome you to a great school year ahead! In an effort to be fiscally and environmentally conscientious, a Choral Handbook with program/class information is available:

- a. On the chorus website, under “Forms/Documents”, accessible at: <http://gmhschorus.weebly.com/>
- b. On the students’ Canvas Course under ‘Syllabus’

The handbook is full of important information that needs to be read by both students and parents, and a signature page needs to be returned by **Friday, September 8th**. Items in the handbook include:

<i>Program/Class Descriptions</i>	<i>Late/Make Up Work</i>
<i>Communication</i>	<i>Supplies Needed</i>
<i>Curriculum</i>	<i>Classroom/Program Expectations</i>
<i>Grading Scale</i>	<i>Uniforms/Attire</i>
<i>Concert Information</i>	<i>Fair Share</i>
<i>Choral Booster Organization Info</i>	<i>Performances/Out-of-Class Rehearsals</i>

Several of the most current items that need attention involve the following:

- **Google Form:** Parent/student information form needs to be completed ASAP. Accessible on the website on the home page (for the first week) and will also be under “Communication” & posted in students’ Canvas Course.
- **Communication:** We will be using both Remind and BAND for communication to both students and parents - PLEASE accept the invitation to join! The codes can be found on the website under “Communication”
- **Fair Share:** A per-student commitment for chorus families to help raise funds to support the many activities and expenses of the program. Do not let this worry you or keep you from being in chorus. We offer numerous fundraisers throughout the year to alleviate financial stress. Fair Share payment is **\$75.00** and is due by **Wednesday, November 2nd** (though preferred ASAP). This fee is simply the difference between our expected income (via concert tickets, fundraising, etc.) and the proposed budget that allows students to have access to needed choral resources. *If financial assistance is needed, please contact Ms. Adkins and our boosters at gmhschorus@gmail.com (more info can be found under “Boosters” on the choral website) and through CHARMS.*
- **Uniforms:** Each of the choral groups have specific outfit requirements/expenses. Sizing and ordering of these items will happen early on in the semester. **Payment should be made before the outfits are ordered.** See the Handbook for more info (**tuxes: \$160.00, dresses: \$80.00**). Again, if financial assistance is needed, please contact Ms. Adkins and our Booster Board. This year, we have budgeted to provide a choral t-shirt that is *included* in the fair share amount for every new student (students from last year already have their blue shirt).
- **Choral Parent Meeting:** Thursday, September 14th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The meeting will include:
 - Meet the Director/Boosters
 - Registration to be an approved WCPSS Volunteer
 - Payment/Collection of semester expenses (fair share, uniforms, donations, trip payments, etc.)

We will also explain the items above and discuss other important elements in the Handbook like uniform info/samples & class overviews, a review of the 2023-2024 calendar, information regarding fundraising, plus some time for Q&A. PLEASE plan to attend as the support and engagement of our choral families is imperative to our success as a program.

- **Fall Concert:**TBD
- **Winter Concert :** **Thursday, December 7h;** concert starts at 7:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. call time for students)
- **Patrons: Please consider becoming a patron with our program! More information is available on the attached sheet.**

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with your student(s) this year. Please see the reverse side for a “to-do” list. Thank you in advance for being engaged in our program!



GMHS Chorus 2021-2022 Beginning of the Year “To-Do” List

This form does NOT need to be returned - it is just a checklist for families to go through in preparation for a great semester of learning and music-making!

- Complete Google Form by September 2nd online (<http://gmhschorus.weebly.com/>) on the home page (for the first week) or under the “Communication” Tab on website or in students’ Canvas Course
- Students and Parents - join respective Remind and BAND notification apps
- Read, sign, and return the **Choral Handbook Contract** (last page of handbook) by Friday, September 8th
- **Chorus Picnic:** Friday, September 8th (3:00pm-5:00pm) at Lake Benson Park (food included)
- **Choral Parent Meeting:** Thursday September 14th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium
- Pay **Fair Share Commitment (\$75.00)** on or before **Wednesday, November 2nd** (fee for all choral students that helps pay for items that impact every child in the chorus such as sheet music, piano maintenance, accompanist fees, transportation for events, etc.). This expense can be paid multiple ways:
 - Check written to GMHS Choral Boosters
 - Fundraising Opportunities: there will be multiple fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help students offset the cost of their fair share, uniforms, and potential trips. Info on these fundraisers will be given to students during rehearsals. More information on fundraisers can be found on the website under the “Fundraising” tab.
 - Fall Concert
- Make **Uniform Payment ASAP (due Wednesday, November 2nd)**
 - Dresses: \$80.00
 - Tuxes: \$160.00 (includes shirt and all accessories)

*Please make all checks out to **GMHS Choral Boosters**. The preceding items may all be paid on one check, but please **list everything on the memo line** (for example: “fair share and uniform” or “concert tickets”)*

*All checks turned in should be placed in a **SEALED** envelope, labeled with student name/period/amount/item paying, and placed in the locked money box inside of Ms. Adkins’ office. Do not place money on Ms. Adkins’ desk or elsewhere in the choir room.*

Please look for more communication from me with important information throughout the semester - it will likely go out as an email, through the website, and/or over text via “Remind.com” - please provide the contact info through the Google Form ASAP. Thanks!

*A copy of this letter/form is available on our website or on Canvas