



# 2024-2025 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” accessible at [gmhschorus.com](http://gmhschorus.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 6th**. 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>

## Items that need immediate attention:

- **Communication:** We will be using REMIND for communication to both students and parents! The codes can be found in the handbook and 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. This fee is simply the difference between our expected income 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](mailto:gmhschorus@gmail.com)*
- **Uniforms:** Each of the choral ensembles have specific uniform requirements/expenses. Sizing and ordering of these items will happen early on in the semester. See the Handbook for more information. 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:** September 12th at 7 p.m. in the Chorus Room following Open House. 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, a review of the 2024-2025 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.

*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 2024-2025 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!

- Students and Parents - Join REMIND! Codes are located in the GMHS Choral Handbook.
- Read, sign, and return the **Choral Handbook Contract** by Friday, September 6th
- Review and mark all dates on the **2024-25 Choral Calendar**
- **Chorus Picnic:** Friday, September 6th (3:00pm-5:00pm) at Lake Benson Park
- **Choral Parent Meeting:** September 12th at 7 p.m. following Open House
- Pay **Fair Share** Commitment (\$75.00) on or before **November 1st**. This expense can be paid multiple ways:
  - Check written to GMHS Choral Boosters or online at [gmhschorus.com](http://gmhschorus.com)
  - 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. More information on fundraisers can be found on the website under the “Fundraising” tab.
- Make **Uniform Payment** (due **November 1st**)
  - Dresses: \$80.00
  - Tuxes: \$180.00 (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 via REMIND or Talking Points with important information throughout the semester! Here’s to a great year!

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