

**Oak Grove Middle School Choir Handbook/Contract**  
**2011-2012**

Welcome to Oak Grove Middle School Choir! **Please read the handbook carefully** and sign up for the email list and school notes list so you will always know what the choirs are doing and when they are doing it. This handbook will include some definite dates and some approximate dates based on past years' schedules. Please mark your calendars!

If you have any questions, email me at:

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Join the schoolnotes notification list at:

**<http://new.schoolnotes.com/xpages/view/22896>**

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir classes during the school day will be **concert choir** only. Concert choir students must sign the attached contract and will be held to this contract for the entire year. Please carefully review the requirements and expenses for concert choir.

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## Concert Choir Requirements and Expenses

1. Choir students must maintain passing grades in all classes to participate in choral activities. Mid-term and end-of-term grades will be monitored for all concert choir students. If a choir student posts an F in any subject for mid-term or end-of-term, that student will not be allowed to perform or go on field trips until the grade is raised.
2. Choir students must maintain a high standard of conduct. The daily IST list will be monitored for names of all choir students. If a choir student serves more than one day of IST per term, that student will not be allowed to perform or go on any field trips for that term. Rehearsals require an even higher standard of conduct. If a choir student is written up more than twice during choir class rehearsals for the **entire year**, that student will not be allowed to perform or go on field trips for the year.
3. Choir students must maintain attendance and promptness to class rehearsals. If a choir student misses rehearsal, they must provide an excused absence form from the office. If a choir student has more than two unexcused absences or tardies for a term, that student will not be allowed to perform or go on any field trips for that term.
4. Choir students must purchase a choir shirt from Ashley Sporting Goods in the Newpointe Shopping Center (601-296-1627). The cost of the shirt will be around \$15.00 plus tax. You must go to Ashley's and get fitted for the shirt and prepay for the shirt. The deadline for fitting and prepayment is September 2nd. If a choir student does not purchase a shirt, that student will not be allowed to perform or go on any field trips for the year.
5. Choir students must pay field trip fees at the time of the field trip. This will include bus driver fees, gas fees for buses, studio fees for 6th grade choir, and district festival fees for 7th and 8th grade choir. Field trip fees will be different for each trip and will depend on the length of the trip in time and mileage, as well as how many buses are needed. Field trip fees will be no less than \$3 per student per trip and no more than \$6 per student per trip. Choir students will also need to have lunch money for all field trips that are during the lunch period (\$5-10 for mall food court, \$2-3 for arts fair). See the event calendar to get an idea of total fees for field trips for the year.

\*\*\*Please give at least 2 weeks notice if your student is going to miss a performance\*\*\*

Event Calendar 2011-2012  
(some dates are approximate \*\*)  
(venue subject to change\*)

August 8 - first day of school

September 2 - deadline for shirt fitting and prepayment at Ashley Sporting Goods

October 25 - Fall Concert; all concert choirs perform; 6pm OG Primary PAC\*

November 11 - Veterans Day performing field trip; 7th and 8th grade choirs only

December 6 - Christmas Concert; all concert choirs perform; 6pm OG Primary PAC\*

December 20 - end of fall semester

February 15 - District Choral Festival for 7th and 8th grade concert choirs only\*\*

March 9 - 6th grade concert choirs to recording studio at C&M Music Center

March 30 - OGUE Arts Fair; all concert choirs perform\*\*

May 1 - Spring Concert; all concert choirs perform; 6pm OG Primary PAC\*

May 22 - end of spring semester

**Honor Choir** exact dates will be posted on schoolnotes and via email when I receive them. (We usually get the applications around September, get notice of who is selected around October, and the event is usually held in February.)

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