

Interested in Joining Chorus??

Please complete the below google form to register. You can access the form with the below link OR scanning the QR code:

Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/ezkuSxuWkU4ZWV22A>

QR Code:



Mark Your Calendar!!!

January 10, 2024 (Wednesday)

Winter Concert 2:30PM & 6:00PM

Westgate Gym

[Make-up Day—January 17]

January 11, 2024 (Thursday) -

Date is Tentative

Marshall Pyramid Workshop

6:30-8:00PM

Marshall HS

[Make-up Day—January 18]

May 8, 2024

(Wednesday)

Spring Concert 2:30PM

& 6:00PM

Westgate Gym



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Westgate Elementary Chorus Handbook



Welcome to 5th & 6th Grade Chorus!

Dear Families and Students:

We hope to have your singer participate in a great tradition here at Westgate by joining the chorus. We are looking forward to making great music and having lots of working fun as we sing together this coming year.

As we begin this new school year please take the time to read through this **Chorus Handbook**. The more informed you are, the more successful we become. Pertinent information is available here that will assist you throughout the school year, including concert dates, and group participation expectations. It is recommended that you **keep this handbook** in a safe and handy place so you can refer to it as often as needed. There is an electronic **permission and acknowledgement form** to complete and return that indicates you and your singer have read and understand its contents (link and QR Code is on the back of the handbook). **Please complete this form no later than Monday, September 18, 2023.** Once the form is complete, your singer is officially in chorus! Once your singer joins chorus, they will be added to chorus in Schoology. There we will also share important information for you and your singer.

The success of this performing group is due to your dedication and willingness to participate. Thank you in advance for a great musical school year. If you have any questions before completing the form, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at the performances! Have a great school year!

Notably yours,

Mrs. Schubert & Ms. Jennelle

Purpose

The purpose of the Westgate 5th/6th Grade Chorus is to foster the love of music and the vocal talents of those students who are willing to participate and learn above and beyond what is offered in general music class. Musically, students will learn proper singing techniques and age-appropriate repertoire while also developing an advanced musical ear. Socially, students will have opportunities to build stronger friendships with peers and also experience community outreach.

Behavior and Procedures

In order to be eligible for chorus, students must demonstrate leadership in the general music classroom. They must also be a student of good character by consistently following the Westgate Way: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Property. It is important for students to understand that chorus is voluntary and a privilege. Following basic rehearsal procedure is very important for safety and success. Students are required to be safe, thoughtful, and good musicians. Students are expected to demonstrate respect for themselves, others and property while at rehearsals. You will be informed in writing (email) or by phone if your child must be reminded on more than three occasions about these procedures/expectations. If there is no improvement, your child may be asked to no longer participate in chorus.

Attendance

Since chorus is a non-auditioned group, to help make it successful, all members are expected to attend rehearsals. This year the 5th grade chorus will meet every Wednesday from 11:30-12:00PM and the 6th grade chorus will meet every Thursday from 12:30-1:00PM during the school day.

Students are also expected to attend ALL concerts, both day and evening performances. We understand that transportation can be an issue at times, so we urge you to ask others in the school community about carpooling on these performance nights. Mrs. Schubert and Ms. Jennelle are more than willing to assist in coordinating.

If for some reason you are unable to attend the concert, we need to be **notified at least two weeks prior to the concert in writing**. Missing a concert for another commitment that was made after committing to chorus does not constitute as an excused absence. If we do not receive a written note your child may be asked to drop from chorus.

Concert Attire

These are suggested guidelines regarding concert attire. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Students are expected to wear their concert attire to ALL performances.

Girls and Boys:

White on top— Something with a collar (dress shirt or polo).

Black on bottom— Black pants (preferably no jeans) and ALL black shoes and socks.

