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|  |  | Northern Middle School Chorus  Important Dates to Note  September 17th: Mattress Fundraiser Parent Mtg. 6:00 PM in our gym. Please make plans to attend.  October 5th: Mattress Fundraiser in our gym  November 19th: Sixth Grade Concert; 7:00 PM  December 17th: Chorus Concert, All Grades; 7:00 PM  January through March, watch for additions to our calendar concerning All-State Auditions, All-County auditions, MPA, and other possible music opportunities  April 17th and 18th: All-State Chorus in Greensboro  May 18th: 7th Grade Chorus Concert; 7:00 PM  May 19th: 8th Grade Chorus Concert; 7:00 PM  May 21st: 6th Grade Chorus Concert; 7:00 PM  May 22nd: 8th Grade Carowinds Field Trip  Other opportunities may be added….stay tuned! |
| Instructor Mrs. Carla Ely Contact PHONE:  336-605-3342 ext. 1627  WEBSITE:  Information to come  EMAIL:  [elyc@gcsnc.com](mailto:elyc@gcsnc.com)  LOCATION:  Rm. 402 Hobbies Family  Music  Music  And Music! |  | NORTHERN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUSCourse Overview Chorus is designed for students who enjoy singing and/or would like to explore their interest in music through singing and other activities. Several public performances are scheduled throughout the year that include a required Winter and Spring Concert. COURSE OBJECTIVES Students will continue to develop music literacy through daily solfege singing, sight-reading exercises, and concert music preparation.  All students will have a working musical vocabulary of terms related to rhythm, notation, dynamics, tempo, style, and vocal anatomy  Students will demonstrate proper choral technique in regard to posture and vocal production  Students will perform a wide variety of musical styles in a historically and stylistically correct manner.  Students will build confidence and a sense of accomplishment both individually and collectively through public performances.  Students will develop good rehearsal habits by being responsible for their own music, pencil, and chorus attire, as well as being ***on time and prepared*** for all chorus rehearsals. required performance uniform Chorus students wear a particular outfit in order to give the chorus a more uniform and professional look and feel, to minimize distractions caused by clothing choices, and to help make the concert performance feel special. The concert attire described is expected and required. If you have concerns about meeting these requirements, please contact me as soon as possible. All Choruses  * Boys: Northern Middle School Music Polo in good condition. (please see attached order form if needed), black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes. (dark tennis shoes are fine, make sure they are” stage worthy”) * Girls: Northern Middle School Music Polo in good condition. (please see attached order form if needed). Black dress pants or black skirt bellow the knees, black/dark shoes. No Leggings please!  MATERIALS Folders will be provided  Pencils  Agendas/planners  All other materials will be provided evaluation **Rehearsal Participation and Technique: (40% of overall grade)**  Evaluation pertains to the rehearsal contributions made by each student. Participation will be assessed daily. Each student starts the class period with 5 points. It is their goal to maintain those points. Going above and beyond can allow for earning extra points. Their weekly grade is then computed out of a possible 25 points. Examples of good participation and technique would include, singing when asked to, not singing when asked not to, good posture while singing, having materials ready, etc. Some poor examples of participation and technique would include slouching, talking during rehearsal, no music etc.  **Graded Assignments: (30% of overall grade)**  Examples of assignments and assessments include but are not limited to Written Warm-up/Bell Activity, Folder checks, Singing Tests on prepared music, Sight-reading Test, and Composer Research Projects.  **Performance Assessments: (30% of overall grade)**  Evaluations are focused on the ability of the student to perform vocally as an individual or part of an ensemble. If for any reason your child cannot attend our performance, you must notify me as soon as possible. I will provide an alternate assignment for those with excused absences. This will be handled on a case by case basis. Chorus is a performance class. Missing the concerts defeats the point of all of our hard work. There is no “I” in Chorus….but there is a “US”. We need everyone in order to bring our very best!  **RULES**   * Be on time and prepared for each class and rehearsal * No food or drinks allowed in the chorus room * We will have a Bell Ringer activity to complete and enter into the agenda within two minutes of the tardy bell. * Make good choices * Use kind words * Show respect to ALL * Participate * Care for our room, materials, and mostly each other   **CONSEQUENCES**   * 1ST Verbal Reminder/Redirection * 2nd Alternate Assignment * 3rd Parent/Guardian Contact * 4th Office Referral   **COMMUNICATION**  All students and parents are encouraged to sign up for chorus text alerts to keep up to date with our activities and/or needs with the Remind App. Text alerts are used for reminders and time sensitive schedule changes. If parents would prefer the use of email, that is perfectly fine with me, just let me know your preference. elyc@gcsnc.com   * Text the appropriate code to 81010   \*8th grade chorus students, text this message  @4g9fgf  \*7TH grade chorus students, text this message  @39cbke  \* 6th grade chorus students, text this message  @g2gfc  (Please let me know if you have any problems with this) |
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