

Frontier Middle School Chorus Handbook

Ms. Connors



2023-2024 FMS Choral Concerts

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Welcome to Chorus!

As we begin a new school year, I am looking forward to sharing my love of choral singing and choral music with you! This year at FMS promises to be a great one! We are all here because we love to sing! Chorus will promote continued musical growth, musical literacy, vocal technique, music proficiency, and of course, the enjoyment of singing!

Classroom Rules and Expectations

1. **Respect**: Students need to display mutual respect at all times for all people and property in the Chorus Room, Auditorium, and surrounding hallways. Student does not graffiti, rip up, or roll the choral music.
2. **Be Prompt and Prepared**: Enter the room quietly and on time. Be sure to bring your folder and all music before you enter the room and go directly to your assigned seat.
3. **Be Self-Disciplined**: Participate in all warm-up activities. Don't talk during class. Stay in your seat during class. Complete Assignments on time. Phones are not allowed in school and must be stored in your locker. Don't bring food, gum or drinks to class. Clean up after yourself (take your belongs with you, straighten chairs, etc.)

Required Materials

1. **Folder**: each student must have a folder every day that is only used for this class. Student is expected to keep copies of music and make any and all markings requested by teacher.
2. **Pencil**: student must have a pencil every class to make notes as requested by teacher in music. A pen, marker, or other writing utensil is not acceptable.
3. **Concert Dress**: White on top (white shirt) & Black on Bottom (pants, skirt, shoes, socks, etc.). If you have any questions or concerns, see your chorus teacher. *All Concert Dress must adhere to the FMS Dress Code Policy.*

Grading

40% Concert Attendance

Concerts are *mandatory* here at FMS. Excused absences consist ONLY of illness, or family emergency. Otherwise, a note from a parent and a project must be assigned to make up the missing portion of your marking period grade. Since choir is a performing group, all members are expected to participate in ALL concerts, adjudications and rehearsals, either during or after school. Your voice is important! Students are expected to remain for the entire concert.

2023-2024 Concert Dates

Please note times

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40% Participation

Due to the emphasis on performance, individual singing skills are evaluated daily. Stress is placed on the individual's ability to function as a member of the section, show self-discipline during rehearsal and devote him/herself to the task at hand. Class participation earns a student up to five points a day by: participating with their best efforts during warm-ups, music rehearsal, sight singing and all classroom activities; behaving respectfully and appropriately at all times; being prepared with music at the beginning of class; cleaning up after yourself at the end of class; treating everyone with kindness

20% Written and Performance Evaluations

Occasionally, there will be individual and small group singing evaluations, as well as written assignments (reflections, sight-reading, etc.). Students should treat all evaluations, written or live-performed as any other class assignment.

Other Dates of Interest:

September: FMS Acappella Auditions (date TBD); Little Mermaid Jr. Auditions (date TBD)

November 3rd & 4th, 2023: NYSSMA Jr. High Area All State at Akron CSD

November 16th & 17th, 2023: FMS Musical *Little Mermaid Jr.* (auditions mid-September)

January 6th, 2024: ECMEA Junior High Auditions at Depew HS

March 8th & 9th, 2024: ECMEA Junior High South Festival (by audition) at East Aurora HS

Spring (April/May): NYSSMA Solo Festival (location and exact dates TBD)

More Information?

♪ Check out my Teacher Page on the Frontier Website

♪ Check Google Classroom

♪ Join Remind! I strongly encourage **parents** to join remind - I'll send concert reminders, fundraiser reminders, and field trip reminders.

7th Grade Chorus: Text the message @ 3dgc23 to the number 81010

8th Grade Chorus: Text the message @ ch8hka to the number 81010.

Please Note: The drop period for Chorus is during the first couple weeks of the school year, as schedules are still being adjusted. The only other window for dropping Chorus mid-year is during the month of January. Anyone with parent and teacher permission requesting to drop can only do so at that point.

****Sign and return this page only to your Chorus Teacher by: Friday September 15th, 2023****



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I have read the Chorus Course description that includes concert dates and policies. I understand the requirements to have a successful year in Chorus.

Print Student Name: _____

Circle Your Class: 7th Grade Day 1 7th Grade Day 2 8th Grade Day 1 8th Grade Day 2

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Check off any extra-curricular Choral activities you might be interested in this year:

- ☐ FMS Acappella (7th and 8th grade only)
- ☐ ECMEA All County Auditions
- ☐ NYSSMA Solo Festival (sing for a judge to receive a score!)
- ☐ FMS Musical *The Little Mermaid Jr.*

