

2017-2018 Lewisburg Middle School Choir Handbook



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Lewisburg Middle School Choir 2017-2018 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Who is Involved
October 3	Fall Concert	Maples Memorial UMC	All Choirs, required
October 7	Ole Miss Choral Festival	Oxford, MS	Advanced Girls/Guys, required
October 14	All State Auditions - 6th Grade	Hernando, MS	Selected 6th grade students
October 14	Male Vocal Symposium	Ridgeland, MS	7th/8th Men, optional
October 30-31	District II Honor Choir	TBD	Selected students
November 8	All State Auditions - 7th/8th	Hernando, MS	Selected students
December 4	Holiday Concert	Maples Memorial UMC	All Choirs, required
January 27	Children's Choir Festival	LaBelle Haven Baptist Church	6th grade, optional
March 2	District Choral Festival	TBA	Advanced Girls/Guys, required
March 22-24	All State Chorus	Hattiesburg, MS	Selected students
April 5	Spring Concert	Maples Memorial UMC	All Choirs, required
April 7	Bluff City Choral Festival	Memphis, TN	Advanced Girls/Guys, required

*Please note that dates are subject to change. At least two weeks notice will be given for any date changes.

Description of Events:

Fall Concert

Our first public performance of the year. Required for all Lewisburg Middle School Singers.

Ole Miss Choral Festival

A multi-state choral competition. Required for advanced girls and guys. Students perform in the Ford Center at Ole Miss. Admission is free for audience members.

All State Auditions/All State Chorus

Choir members will be selected by the director to audition. If a student makes it into the state choir after the audition they will travel to Hattiesburg to participate in the All-State Chorus. A parent or guardian will need to travel to Hattiesburg with them, and they will be responsible for transportation and lodging. A registration fee of \$75 will be collected prior to the event.

District Honor Choir

Choir members will be selected to participate based on knowledge of assigned music and their ability to accurately and beautifully perform it. A registration fee of ?? will be collected prior to the event.

Male Vocal Symposium

An optional opportunity for male singers in grades 7 and 8. Students will travel to Ridgeland, MS to work with a nationally recognized conductor and present a public concert.

Holiday Concert

Our second public performance of the year. Required for all Lewisburg Middle School Singers.

Children's Choir Festival

An optional opportunity for 6th grade singers.

District Choral Festival

Required for advanced girls and guys. Students perform for three adjudicators to receive comments and a rating.

Spring Concert

Our final concert, required for all Lewisburg Middle School Singers.

Bluff City Choral Festival

Required for advanced girls and guys. Students perform for three adjudicators to receive comments and a rating. This festival also incorporates team building activities.

Uniforms

6th grade and General Choir: Students in these choirs are to wear an all black outfit, that is in school dress code.

7th/8th grade men: Black shirt, black pants, red tie. Students will need to provide their own black pants and shirt. Student's should purchase the matching tie at school for the cost of \$12.84. payment will be collected in the fall.

Advanced Girls: The cost for the choir uniform/dress is \$63.13, and payment will be collected in the fall.

Fees/Fundraisers

Activity Fee: Students in all choirs have a \$20.00 activity fee.

Students in auditioned choirs (advanced men and advanced ladies) will have fees for each festival they participate in. Exact amounts will be sent home prior to each festival.

Communication

E-mail serves as the official means of communication for the chorus. Remind text, and twitter updates will serve as courtesy reminders of events and deadlines, but parents are encouraged to have an updated email address on file to receive the most updated information.

Grading

Students will be graded on class participation and concert attendance.

All concerts are mandatory. In the event of an absence, the director will determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. Examples of excused absences would include illness or family emergency. Examples of unexcused absences include transportation issues or conflicts with non-school sponsored events. For an absence to be considered excused, parents are required to contact the director via email (christian.feazell@dcsms.org) prior to the concert. If a student does not show up to a concert and the director has not been notified prior to the concert, the absence will automatically be considered unexcused.

Students who miss a concert due to an unexcused absence will be required to do an extensive make-up assignment, as well as show knowledge of concert music by singing for the director before or after school hours.

Rules/Expectations

Students will be expected to create a safe and respectful atmosphere in the classroom.

All school rules will be enforced in the choral classroom, including, but not limited to:

No touching others.

No talking back to the teacher.

Contract

All choir students and their parents will be required to sign and return a contract showing they understand and agree to all policies stated in the choir handbook.

Lewisburg Middle School Chorus 2017-2018 Contract

Students signing the choral contract indicates an agreement to the following:

- I have read and understand the policies of the LMS Choir handbook.
- I agree to follow the policies in the handbook and promise to represent the LMS Choir to the best of my ability.
- I commit myself to contributing my best talents and efforts to the music.
- I understand that all performances are mandatory.
- If I decide not to follow the rules and policies of the chorus, I understand I will receive a lower grade for the course.

Chorus Member Name (Printed)

Chorus Member Signature

Parents signing the choral contract indicates an agreement to the following:

- I have read and understand the policies of the LMS choir handbook.
- I confirm by signing this contract that I agree to support the chorus, my singer, and the policies of the chorus.
- I understand that performances are mandatory and are part of the grade for the course, and I have received dates for this year's performances.

Parent Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

Chorus Communication

The primary form of chorus communication is email. Please use the spaces below to list addresses that you want to receive email reminders. Please print legibly.

Informal communication will come from Remind text messages and twitter.

Remind: Advanced Ladies: Text @lmsladies to 81010

6th Grade Choir: Text @choirsixth to 81010

General Choir: Text @lmsgeneral to 81010

Men's Choir: Text @lmsmen to 81010

Twitter: LMSSingers

Website: lmsingers.weebly.com