

# David Crockett MS Choir- Handbook Addenda

## Addendum A- Calendar

### **DCMS Choir Calendar 2021-2022**

**The schedule is subject to change. The directors may add or remove events as needed.  
Advance notice will be given.**

#### August

11th 1st Day of School (☺)

#### September

13th Ms. Hill's birthday!!!

17th Choir Movie Night

DCMS Commons

#### October

14th Fall Concert (All Choirs) and Mr. Silagan's Birthday!!!!

DCMS

19th FBISD Men's Festival

Bush HS

29th DCMS Fine Arts Social

DCMS

30th Solo and Ensemble

Lake Olympia MS

#### November

12th DCMS Fine Arts Social

DCMS

#### December

3rd Winter Concert (All Choirs)

DCMS

#### January

14th Choir 5th/6th Grade Social (All Fine Arts)

TBD

28th Choir 8th/9th Grade Social (All Fine Arts)

TBD

#### February

15th Clinic during class (7/8 TB)

15th After School Clinic (NVT)

16th After School Clinic (Varsity Treble)

23rd-25th Pre UIL (All 7/8)

CCSL

### **March**

8th-10th UIL Concert and Sight Reading

CMC

29th After School Clinic for 6th Grade Girls

DCMS Choir Room

30th After School Clinic for 6th Grade Boys

DCMS Choir Room

### **April**

8th 6th Grade Choir Festival/Fun social event (All 6th Grade Choirs)

Willowridge HS

30th Region Auditions

McAuliffe MS

### **May**

3rd/4th Popshow Auditions

DCMS Choir Room

13th Fine Arts Beginner Social

14<sup>th</sup> Region Clinic and Concert

Hightower HS

16<sup>th</sup> Popshow Dress Rehearsal

DCMS

18<sup>th</sup> Popshow

DCMS

20<sup>th</sup> Spring Trip (7/8)

TBD

## **Addendum B - Choir Fee and Additional Costs**

### **DCMS Choir Fee**

These fees are beneficial to help keep the choir flowing smoothly by covering basic costs. Each student in choir will have a choir fee (\$55 for 7th and 8th, \$35 for 6th grade) that will cover:

- Uniform cleaning (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>)
- Uniform alterations (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>)
- Additional uniforms if needed
- Choir shirt (Year choir shirt and Popshow t-shirt)
- Accompanist fees
- Contest fees
- Sound technician (for shows)
- Supplies (black binders, workbooks, etc.)

### **Additional Choir Costs**

The following are anticipated choir costs for the remainder of the school year.

These costs are subject to change and serve for budgeting & planning purposes only.

- Region Auditions (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only) = \$15
  - Covers audition fees and music
- Solo & Ensemble Contest (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only) = \$8-\$30
  - \$8 for each solo
  - If doing a solo, \$20 accompanist fees
- Spring fine arts trip = \$40-60
- Social Events = \$5-20

Credit payments may be made through the RevTrack program (access information provided in class) and is the preferred method of payment. Checks and cash are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to "David Crockett MS Choir," and the student's name and student ID must be on the memo line.

**NOTE: Please make the directors aware if your family cannot pay the choir fee at any time. A payment plan/other solution may be arranged. Please do not let money prevent your child from making music.**

## Addendum C – Grading Policy

### DCMS Choir Grading Policies

#### Rehearsals/Classroom Assignments and Quizzes:

In a given week, a choir will rehearse 5 times, for a total of 100 points per week (20 points per day). Points may be subtracted for a rehearsal infraction (see below). A rehearsal grade encompasses all daily participation in choir class. Students will be routinely quizzed on sightreading skills and for knowledge of the performance repertoire rehearsed in class. Quizzes are to check for comprehension and to encourage closer study of music and sight-reading materials. Students may also be given brief written assignments or quizzes to enhance and drill further study of performance repertoire.

**Performance Attendance:** A student will earn full credit (100) by simply appearing and performing. If a student is late for the call time, they will receive 90 points. If a student appears after a performance has already begun, they will receive 80 points. If a student appears on time to a concert without proper attire or materials (i.e. music binder), 5 points will be deducted for each missing article. If missing a majority of their proper attire for a concert, they may be dismissed from the performance and given a zero. A student will receive zero points for not appearing. **Please understand that performances are a *double major grade*, and that unexcused absence from a concert can result in your student failing for the term.**

#### Rehearsal Grading/Rehearsal Infractions

Our choral ensembles are music teams. The actions of any individual can help or hinder the entire ensemble in both rehearsal and performance. Self-discipline is not optional; it is required. Repeat offenders may be removed from the class at the director's discretion and asked to complete written assignments to earn their grade.

Students begin each week with a clean slate (100 points). A tally will be taken by the director each day and points will be deducted at the end of each week from the student's weekly grade.

-5 points: no music/binder

-5 points: no pencil

-5 points: chewing gum

-5 points: out of seat without permission

-5 points: each reprimand for behavior that disrupts rehearsal, or redirect to participate, for every infraction after initial warning

-20 points: refusal to participate in lesson

## **Addendum D – Specific Uniform Requirements**

### **Performance Attire & T-shirts**

Formal concert dresses are the property of David Crockett Middle School, is loaned to the student, and must be returned at the end of the year. All 7th/8th grade girls in Prelude or Chorale will be issued formal uniforms at the beginning of the year.

All choir students will be required to provide parts or all of their formal concert attire.

Please let the director know if you need guidance or assistance with finding parts of a choir uniform.

### **Formal Attire -- Dresses Chorale and Prelude (7th & 8th grade):**

- Black choir dress
- Plain black, closed-toed flats or short heels (no taller than 2 inches)
  - *No tennis shoes, boots, sandals, or flip-flops.*

### **Formal Attire -- Tuxedos Encore (7th & 8th grade):**

- Black dress pants\*
- Black dress shoes (NO tennis shoes)\*
- Black socks (no white, brown, or navy socks)\*
- Black button-down shirt, long-sleeved (provided by director)
- Green bow tie (provided by director)

\*Must be purchased, if not already owned