

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the time commitment for each of the groups?

A: Show choir has a vocal and dance camp prior to the start of school where members will learn the competition show. We are flexible with sports and other activities during this time, but do encourage students to make these camps a priority, as they are vital to the group's progress. The holiday and winter season are the busiest times for performances and competition travel. Almost all competitions occur on Saturdays between January-March. Other community performances will also occur throughout the school year. As a rule, we make sure students can be involved in other activities and believe it is important to a well-rounded education.

Q: What is the cost of each group?

A: Each show choir member is responsible for purchasing their own costuming worn throughout the year. Costuming is custom-made for the show and student, so there are higher fees that include special consultations, alterations, and accessories. Most students will have costuming costs of \$300-\$350. The cost of arrangers, clinicians, and any additional needs for the show will be split among the group members. **PLEASE NOTE:** Fundraising is an on-going activity for most of our students, and as long as students make the effort to fundraise through our various opportunities, students can receive financial assistance when necessary. We do not want group cost to be a detractor for our families!

Q: How often are performances?

A: Music Unlimited Show Choir will present concerts once each grading period for the various seasons. **All members of Music Unlimited are required to participate in a choir as a class during the school day** this includes Yearling Singers, Bella Voce, Men's Chorus & Women's Chorus. Competitions for OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) and/or music festival including Solo and Ensemble Contest and Large Group Contest will also occur during the winter months with these ensembles. All the show choirs present preview shows in the Fall where we host our Fall Show Choir Festival, compete during the winter at 3-4 competitions, and present final concerts in the Spring.

Q: How do you share with sports and after-school activities?

A: We ask that there be a 50-50 split from each- one hour loss from one activity's practice schedule equals one hour loss from ours. Competitions and performances are our major events, just like games and tournaments. Most coaches/advisors are more than willing to share students provided the student/family maintains constant communication between both parties involved! When a conflict arises, we will do our best to find a win-win solution for both activities.

GRADE CHECK/ELIGIBILITY FORM

Please complete BOTH sides of this form completely and bring to your WYHS show choir audition. Be sure to have completed the show choir audition form online! We wish you the best of luck!

Student Name: _____ Grade next year: _____

Cumulative G.P.A. _____ (Current grades 9-11 only **must be 2.0 or higher** and not failing more than ONE class the current 4th Nine Weeks)

I hereby acknowledge this student is academically eligible to audition for this program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Guidance Counselor

Signature Date

WHITEHALL YEARLING CHORAL DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONTRACT

As ambassadors of the Whitehall City School District, it is important to understand that all individuals participating in the choirs must sustain a high level of conduct both in school and the community. As performers, we are highly visible and often in the public eye. Membership in the Whitehall Yearling choirs requires an unsurpassed level of dedication to the program that often extends past the usual school day. Being a member of these ensembles is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked due to improper behavior, disrespect, non-participation, or failure to meet set responsibilities or attendance requirements as set forth by director. The long tradition of choral excellence continues only with following the code of conduct.

School rules as set forth by the Whitehall City School Board, including bullying policies, co-curricular code, dress code, etc. will be enforced at all times. Any changes to this must be cleared by the director in advance. Proper hygiene and personal appearance standards will also be set forth for all public events.

Students must adhere to a prescribed performance look and attire. Students who are eighteen (18) must still have parent permission for special events or other documentation unless student is legally emancipated.

The smoking of tobacco products, consumption/presence of alcohol, or presence of any illegal narcotics is strictly prohibited. Students will be immediately referred to administration which may result in dismissal.

Any reference to the Whitehall choirs and show choirs, by means of the press, television, internet (including social network sites), or any other public forum must be in a positive light. Membership may be terminated for any infraction of this rule.

Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative G.P.A and may not be failing more than one class during any grading period. One 9 week grace period will be provided in order to make up the failing grade(s).

Students who successfully complete the audition process will be required to make a deposit on performance apparel for the upcoming year of **\$50.00 by May 17, 2018**. Since costumes are custom-made for the individual student, monies toward costumes are non-refundable.

Membership in show choir is a competitive, co-curricular activity and it is important to understand that scheduled competitive events and trips are mandatory. A schedule will be made available in July before the school year begins. College auditions/visits, college testing, family vacations, etc. must be planned around these set dates. Ensemble membership runs the entire year. The group as a whole suffers when we do not have 100% participation at all performing events.

SIGNATURES: I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to audition for the Whitehall Yearling Music Unlimited Show Choir and agree to the above policies. I understand that the ensemble is both an academic and financial commitment, and I will participate in fundraisers if necessary. Furthermore, I pledge my support to music events in the district.

PARENT PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____
PARENT SIGNED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

I understand the above procedures and requirements for the Whitehall Yearling Choral Dept. I hereby pledge my support and personal responsibility for being considered as a member of this ensemble, and will perform to the best of my ability as an ambassador of the Whitehall City School District.

STUDENT PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____
STUDENT SIGNED NAME: _____ DATE: _____