



WTHS Choral Activities

"Developing musicianship and character, one note at a time."

Washington Township High School
529 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd.
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TWP CHOIR 2020-2021 OVERVIEW

Courses: Mixed Chorus, Treble Chorus, Chorale
Teacher: Mr. Joseph Zachowski
Location: 11/12 Auditorium

Course Objectives

- Develop individual vocal technique
- Develop ensemble choral technique
- Strengthen music literacy and ear training abilities
- Develop critique and analysis strategies
- Understand music's connection to history and society
- Grow as an informed, responsive musician
- NJ Arts Standards: Create, Perform, Respond, Connect

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- **Mixed Chorus:** @wtmixed
- **Treble Chorus:** @wttreble
- **Chorale:** @wtchorale
- **Parents:** @twpcparent

Small-Group Lessons

- Will take place synchronously while at home.
- Organized by class/voice part
- Cohort R integrated in Cohort A/B/C lesson groups
- Make-up opportunities available
- Grades NOT based on attendance, but demonstration of skills assessed.
- Students will have a lesson approximately once every 3 weeks.

Weekly Learning Activities

- Individual singing assignments (solos, choral parts)
- Music theory (written and aural)
- Sight reading exercises
- Listening responses
- Virtual performance recordings
- Group discussions
- Composition exercises

Grading

- **Supportive Assignments (15%):** Theory, ear training, discussions, and other formative activities.
- **Minor Assessments (35%):** Small-group lessons, minor vocal assignments, listening responses, quizzes
- **Major Assessments (50%):** Performance recordings, tests, unit skill assessments

Concerts & Performances

- Indoor performances not allowed at this time.
- Our performances will be mostly virtual. We'll record cohorts in class, with remote students recording at home. The possibility exists for full ensembles to record together (socially distanced).
- Possible outdoor, live performances when restrictions allow.

COVID-19 Safety

- WTPS is following guidance by the CDC and NJDOH.
- The Visual and Performing Arts Department is adhering to additional arts-related guidance from NFHS.org and ArtsEdNJ. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- Masks will stay ON while we sing (*should be multi-layer and completely cover nose/mouth*)
- Singing portion of indoor rehearsals won't exceed 30 minutes. We'll go outdoor when we can!

Materials & Technology

- Students will be assigned a folder and provided solo repertoire, choral repertoire, and other sheet music.
- Schoology will be the main platform used to house assignments, documents, links, and course updates.
- MusicFirst Classroom is being explored as an online music education platform. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.
- We'll continue to use Flipgrid, Sight Reading Factory, Microsoft O365, WebEx, Musictheory.net, and more.