



HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR DEPARTMENT 2014 – 2015 HANDBOOK

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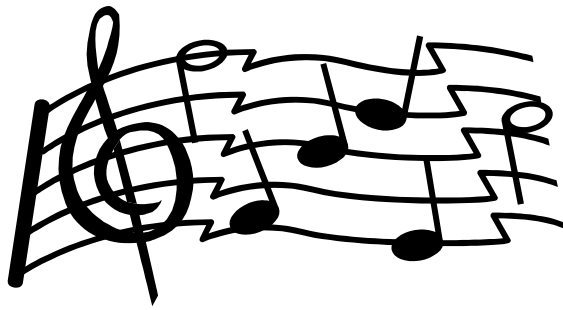
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**Forms need to be turned in to Mrs. Van Slyke by Friday, September 05, 2014*



WELCOME TO HERNDON CHOIR!

Welcome, all new and returning chorus students! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for the 2014-2015 school year. I have planned an exciting program of concerts, musical theatre, trips, festivals, and other events for you.

This year you will continue to work on musicianship, vocal technique, sight singing, and ensemble and solo performance. You also will have opportunities to audition and perform in district and state honors choirs, as well as school-wide musical events such as our Broadway Cabaret and our spring musical. We'll add movement and a little musical theatre to our repertoire for the end-of-the-year Pops Concert. In the spring, students who wish to participate will travel to New York, NY!

I am excited to see you and start our music making! Get ready to work hard!

Let's get started!

1. Please read the 2014-2015 Choir Handbook.
2. Please read, fill out and return the following three forms:
 - ***Herndon High School Honor Code Student Response Form (pg. 5)***
 - ***Costume Rental and Activity Fee Form (p. 8)***
(Bring this form and fee to costume pick up - see p. 7)
 - ***Parent/Guardian Contact Information Form (pg. 10)***

Return all forms by **Friday, September 5**. You can also print these forms on the Choir website. www.herndonchoir.com

3. Get acquainted with the Choir Calendar (pg. 6). A significant part of each student's grade depends on participation at all concerts.

I look forward to great music making this year!

Hope to see you at our Ice Cream Social!

Ms. Van Slyke



Herndon Choir Syllabus

Instructor: Dana Van Slyke
Room: 142

COURSE TITLES

Vocal Jazz, Concert Choir, Madrigals, Herndon Chorale, Heatwave Show Choir

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

(928015) Vocal Jazz: This class is designed to meet specific needs and/or interests. Class meets outside of the regular school day. Content includes study of jazz literature, rehearsal, and performance techniques. Performances and rehearsals, both in and out of school, may be required.

(926015) Concert Choir: 9th -12th grade students will participate in a chorus of mixed voices. Emphasis is placed upon correct vocal performance techniques through the singing of appropriate choral literature. Rehearsals and performances, both in and out of school, may be required.

(928915) Madrigals: Students are offered advanced choral experiences for mixed voices. Emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and proficiency in ensemble performance. Course content includes a study of choral literature, vocal techniques, and sight-singing. Based on successful completion of sequential concepts for each level, students will continue as specified in course level. Rehearsals and performances both in and out of school are required.

(928916) Herndon Chorale: Students are offered advanced choral experiences for women's voices. Emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and proficiency in ensemble performance. Course content includes a study of choral literature, vocal techniques, and sight-singing. Rehearsals and performances both in and out of school are required.

(929615) Heatwave Show Choir: Students are offered choral experiences in a variety of musical genres. Emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and proficiency in ensemble performance. Course content includes a study of appropriate literature, vocal techniques, and choreography. Rehearsals and performances both in and out of school are required.

GRADING: Student grades will be determined as shown.

Quarter Grades	
Rehearsal Techniques	30%
Required Concerts & Auditions	40%
Content Preparation	30%
Final Grade	
Quarter 1	25%
Quarter 2	25%
Quarter 3	25%
Quarter 4	25%

Symbols	Scale	Quality Points
A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
F	Below 64	0.0

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

It is important that each student arrives on time, maintains good attendance, and remains on task in order to master the course material and techniques.

- Tardies and unexcused absences will be handled in accordance with FCPS attendance policies.
- If you are absent from any part of the school day you may not participate in the after school concerts or rehearsals that day. If it is excused you may be given a chance to do a make-up assignment.
- If students are participating fully and to the best of their ability, if their attendance at rehearsal is consistent and they demonstrate a full knowledge of what the group is performing musically and what their section is responsible for during the performance: that would earn an A.
- If they demonstrate basic knowledge but only as a follower: that would warrant a B.
- If they are unprepared and do not know their part well enough to perform it even in a group: that would earn a C.
- If their attendance is inconsistent and/or they do not participate fully in rehearsals and, therefore, do not know the performance material: that would warrant a D or failure.
- If they are not present at the concert they receive a 0 test grade. If it is an excused absence they are given the chance to type a critical review paper of the concert after reviewing the video. The credit given for this assignment will only make up for 75% of their grade and cannot fully make up the lost performance experience. If they simply fail to show up, they receive a 0 with no chance of make-up.

TAGGING on FACEBOOK, or other social media sites.

Never tag other people in photos or videos of Herndon Choir concerts and events. Identifying others, besides yourself, creates the potential for privacy violations, and could require us to eliminate pictures and videos at concerts. You may tag yourself.

HONOR CODE

Please make sure you are familiar with the honor code, as all students will be expected to abide by it.

Herndon High School Honor Code

“As a student at Herndon High School, I am committed to behave honorably. I will not lie, cheat, steal, or plagiarize, and I will not enable others to do so.”

HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CODE

Student Response Form

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In addition to the HHS Honor Code, I will also refrain from tagging others in photos or videos of Herndon Choir concerts or events.

Sign and return to Mrs. Van Slyke by Friday, September 05, 2014.

Please sign below if you have reviewed the choir handbook (pgs. 1-4), and fully understand the content and expectations of this course and agree to abide by the Herndon High School Honor Code in my class, and if you agree to refrain from tagging photos or videos of HHS choir concerts and events. Please turn in this form when you pick up your costume or as your first assignment next class period.

Student Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian e-mail address

HHS Choir Calendar 2014-2015

Aug.

- 26-28 Vocal Jazz Camp (10am – 12)
- 28 Costume pick up Evening (perhaps “welcome to choir meeting”)
- 29 Costume pick up morning/ Ice Cream Social (afternoon)

Sept.

- 29 – Oct 10 Butter Braid Fundraiser
- Sept – Dec White House Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

Oct.

- 11 Honors Choir Auditions – Seniors only
Homecoming & SAT’s
- 23 Fall Concert 7:30 – Required for all choirs
- 27 – Nov. 10 Virginia Peanut Fundraiser

Nov.

- 1 District Choir Auditions- Wakefield HS, Arlington (required for Herndon Chorale and Madrigals optional for everyone else)
- 16 Vocal Jazz Rehearsal and Performance at GMU-3 PM – 9 PM - All families are welcome!
- 19 HUMC Fundraising Dinner & Butter Braid Pick Up

Dec.

- Early Dec – Peanut Fundraiser pick-up (date to be determined)
- 18 Winter Concert
- White House Christmas Ornament sales end

Jan.

- 19 – 30 Sweetz Cheesecake Fundraiser
- 9 Cabaret rehearsal 6-9PM - Cast only
- 10 and 17 Cabaret Rehearsal 9am-2pm- Cast only
- 20-22 Cabaret Dress Rehearsals 6-10 PM – Cast and Crew
- 23 and 24 Broadway Cabaret Performances 7:30
- 26 Cabaret Snow Date – 7:30

Feb.

- 11 District Choir set up (required for All district participants, and anyone else who wants to ☺)
- 12-14 District Choir at HHS (We will be asking for Volunteers)
- 12 All Va Auditons (Juniors and Seniors only)
- 24 and 27 Pyramid Concerts

March

- 5-7 Choir and Drama to NYC
- 12 Concert
- 20 or 21 Assessment at Madison HS

April

- Costume Return (Cleaned)
- 23-25 All Va Chorus

May

- 1-3 Musical- Children Of Eden

June

- 4 Pops Concert
 - 10 Choral Awards
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CHOIR COSTUME PICK-UP

2014-2015

Madrigals, *Herndon Chorale*, *Vocal Jazz,
CONCERT CHOIR and **Heatwave Show Choir**

**Pay your \$50 costume fee (for each ensemble) and
Pick up Your Costume in the Choir Room
Before School Starts**

Thursday	August 28	Costume Pick-up	6 - 8 p.m.
Friday	August 29	Costume Pick-up	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Activity fees are due at costume pick up. The activity fee for the first ensemble is \$50. The activity fee is \$50 for each additional ensemble after that. Please make **checks payable to Herndon Choral Boosters**, or email Ms. Van Slyke at dhvanslyke@fcps.edu if other payment arrangements need to be made.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO...

Fill out the "Costume and Activity Fee Form" on the next page and bring it with your payment to pick up your choir costume(s).

Checks should be made out to Herndon Choral Boosters.

***Vocal Jazz men should come to the costume pick-up to be measured for their shirts.**

2014-15 Choir Costume and Activity Fee Form

(Payment required to pick up costume.)

Student Name _____ Choir(s) _____

Students agree to return all costumes, or properties, in the condition in which they were received. Damage is considered to have occurred by: tearing, burning, cutting, excessive make-up, removal of buttons, medallions, badges or other kinds of trim or material or lack of cleaning. It is understood that costume pieces should be handled with care and they should be returned clean and in good condition. Additional wardrobe items may be loaned to the student during the course of the year and the same standard of care applies. Additional fees may be assessed to cover repair costs, cleaning or to replace damaged or missing items.

I agree to maintain my choir costume(s) as stated above, and I will assume responsibility to pay for, repair or replace any items that I damage or lose.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

T-shirt size _____

(*Costume items provided by the choir department)

Men

___ **Concert Choir** – *Full tuxedo: coat, pants, shirt, cummerbund, bow tie, (Students provide their own black dress shoes and black socks.)

___ **Vocal Jazz** – *Dress shirt, (Students provide black dress pants, black t-shirt, black belt, black dress shoes and black socks)

___ **Madrigals** - *Concert Choir attire (see above); Students provide: Medieval costume in jewel tones, hat, shoes, black tights, jazz shoe or other approved shoe.

___ **Show Choir** - *Black tuxedo pants, *Gold shirt or shirt *TBD, (student provides black socks, black jazz shoes)

Women

___ **Concert Choir** - *Black/white gowns, (students provide black dress shoes and flesh colored stockings.)

___ **Vocal Jazz** - *Black dress, (students provide BLACK CHARACTER SHOES and flesh colored stockings.)

___ **Madrigals** - *Concert choir attire (see above), Students provide: Medieval dress in jewel tones, head dress, shoes, flesh tone stockings, Time period necklace (optional).

___ **Show Choir** - *Show Choir dress(es), (Student provides TAN CHARACTER SHOES, black spankies for under dresses, flesh colored stockings.)

___ **Herndon Chorale** – *Black gowns, *pearl necklace (replacement cost of \$5.00 if lost or stolen), Students provide: Black dress shoes and flesh colored stockings.

___ **Concert Choir**

___ **Vocal Jazz**

___ **Madrigals**

___ **Show Choir**

___ **Herndon Chorale**

(\$50 for each ensemble)

For Choir Department use:

Total Paid _____

Date Paid _____

Check # or cash _____

**Checks should be made out to
HERNDON CHORAL BOOSTERS,**

Please note activity fee on your check. THANK YOU!

WELCOME HHS CHORAL BOOSTERS

The Herndon Choral Boosters is the support engine of the HHS choirs. As a choir parent, you are a member of this organization. We appreciate the efforts parents have made in supporting the Herndon Choir program by serving as ushers, selling concessions and flowers, creating programs, maintaining costumes, managing the website and more. We appreciate Choral Booster's support at fundraisers, serving as committee chairman or chaperoning on trips. Each volunteer really makes a difference.

Once again we ask you to please consider where you might be available to volunteer this year. The Volunteer Coordinator will keep you informed of opportunities to help out. Please consider joining us for our monthly meetings. The Choral Boosters meet the second Monday of each month in the HHS choir room at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

2014-15 CHORAL BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

Supporting the HHS Choir Department under the direction of Dana VanSlyke

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Andie Lytle
1 st Vice President	Kristy Freeman
2 nd Vice President	Julie Frederickson
Secretary	
Treasurer	Kara Rider

EXECUTIVE BOARD Chairman

Awards Banquet	open
Booster Social	Tracey Wear
Cheesecake Fundraiser	
Concert Programs	Alison Showalter
Concert Flowers	Jenn Solee
Concert Gift Candy	
Concessions	Tracey Wear
Directory	Andie Lytle
House Manager	Steve Anderson
Ice Cream Social	Julie Frederickson, Andie Lytle, Kristy Freeman
Ornament Fundraiser	Kristy Freeman
Photographer	
PTSA Liaison	
Scholarships	Kevin Powell
Spirit Gear	Caryn Homet, Jenn Solee
Spring Trip	
Stage Manager	Jerry Vandenberg
Summer Packets	Caryn Homet and Jenn Solee
Videographer	
Volunteer Coordinator	Kim Kelly
Webmaster	Kevin Powell

Parent/Guardian Contact Information Form 2014-15

(Return to Mrs. Van Slyke by Friday 9/5/14)

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent or Guardian e-mail address(es) _____

Phone (parent) _____ student(s) _____

Student Name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Student e-mail address(es) _____

Chorus (If you have more than 1 student in chorus, please indicate which student is in which choir.)

Madrigals Concert Choir Herndon Chorale Show Choir Vocal Jazz

Providing Enrichment Opportunities

Have you attended a HHS choir concert and enjoyed the special effects of lighting, creative props, and the talent of our fantastic accompanists and percussionists? Have your kids worked with a guest clinician or a visiting choir? Have they attended a special workshop or traveled to perform? All of this is possible because of the generous financial support of our Choral Booster Members. It is through the support of parents like you that Mrs. VanSlyke has the resources to enrich the choir program in such wonderful and varied ways.

Each year we invite Choral Booster members to make a financial contribution to support the HHS choirs. This helps Mrs. Van Slyke provide opportunities for her students that would otherwise be unavailable. If you choose to make a donation, please make your check payable to **Herndon Choral Boosters**. Checks can be given to Mrs. Van Slyke or mailed to the Choral Booster treasurer, Kara Rider:

Herndon Choral Boosters
c/o Kara Rider
1635 Hiddenbrook Dr.
Herndon, VA 20170

To show appreciation, the Choral Boosters will recognize members for the following levels of support:

\$35	Patron	Name published in all programs
\$50	Bronze	Name published in all programs
\$75	Silver	Name published in all programs, one free Cabaret Ticket
\$100	Gold	Name published in all programs, two free Cabaret Ticket
\$125	Platinum	Name published in all programs, two free Cabaret Tickets

We hope you will join us in supporting the excellent choir program at Herndon High School. If you have any questions, please contact Herndon Choral Booster President Andie Lytle.

Herndon Choral Boosters Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. For tax purposes, a record of your tax deductible donation will be available on the choir website.

