

WELCOME TO CHORUS!

2014 – 2015

Dear Chorus Parents,

Welcome to Woodson Chorus and the Choral Boosters. We are looking forward to another wonderful year, filled with rewarding chorus activities for our students...and hopefully for you, too! The Choral Boosters support the choral program at Woodson and all parents are members. We are an integral part of the Choral Department and your help is greatly needed and very much appreciated.

Woodson's choral program is recognized as one of the best in Fairfax County, Virginia, and the nation. The tremendous educational and performance opportunities and outstanding quality are the result of the leadership and musical talent of Choral Director, Michael Ehrlich.

This packet contains important information and forms. Please review each document carefully.

- Event announcements for **Uniform Day (9/20/14)** and **Tag Day (10/18/14)**.
Mark your calendar – these are mandatory events for all choral students!
- Booster Meeting Schedule
- Choral Booster Board members and Committee Chairs
- CHARMS Information Sheet
- **FORMS TO BE COMPLETED** (please turn in at the first booster meeting or Uniform Day)
 - FCPS Emergency Care Form (print completed form from Blackboard 24/7)
 - Woodson Chorus Health Form
 - Information/Authorization Form
 - Woodson Chorus Uniform Agreement

Important dates coming soon:

Monday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. – The first monthly Booster Meeting in the Chorus Room. New chorus parents, please join us for a “Newcomers’ Social” at 6:30. All choral students: you are invited to a social with food and games that will be held in Cafeteria A. The chorus booster business meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing returning chorus parents at that time. These monthly meetings are our primary source of communication and a great chance to meet and get to know other chorus parents. Please come and join the fun!

Saturday, September 20, Uniform Day 9:00 – 3:00 This is a mandatory event for ALL choral students. Each student will sign up for a 15 minute time slot to: Pay fees; get measured for, order, or pick up uniforms and turn in all completed forms on this day. We need volunteers! Contact *Virginia Fisher* at vafisher4@gmail.com.

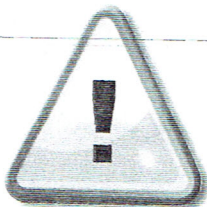
You can find out what is going on in the Woodson Chorus by attending booster meetings, receiving eNotes, and by checking CHARMS and www.woodsonchorus.org. There will be a lot going on! Please don't hesitate to contact any board member with your ideas, questions or comments. We wish you and your singer a great year in the Woodson Chorus!

Beth Walsh, Choral Booster President, walshsox@verizon.net

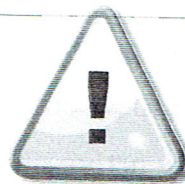
Wendy Mumbach, Choral Booster Vice President, wmumbach@verizon.net

WTW CHORUS UNIFORM DAY 2014

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014



**REQUIRED
STUDENT
ACTIVITY!**



**DURING THE FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL,
YOUR STUDENT WILL SIGN UP FOR A 15
MINUTE SLOT ON SAT., SEPTEMBER 20 TO
BE FITTED FOR HIS/HER CHORUS
UNIFORM.**

**ALL CHORUS FORMS AND UNIFORM
PAYMENT ARE DUE ON UNIFORM DAY,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014.**

**PARENTS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND, BUT
PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENT BRINGS
THE FOLLOWING TO HIS/HER UNIFORM
FITTING APPOINTMENT:**

- UNIFORM ORDER FORM**
- CHECK TO PAY FOR UNIFORM**
- COPY OF FCPS EMERGENCY CARE FORM**
- INFORMATION/AUTHORIZATION FORM**

2014-2015 WOODSON CHORUS UNIFORM AGREEMENT

First Name		Last Name	
Grade		Choir(s)	
Street Address		City	Zip Code
Home Phone	Student Cell Phone	Parent Cell Phone	
Student Email Address		Parent Email Address	

1. WOMEN - NEW CHORUS STUDENT

	Order	Received	Cost	Amt Owed
Activity Fee			\$ 40	\$ 40
Uniform Purchase			\$ 87	\$ 87
Pearls			\$ 10	\$ 10
Women's Shoes if needed		Size: <input type="text"/>	\$ 30	
Total excluding shoes = \$137; including shoes = \$167				TOTAL

2. MEN - NEW CHORUS STUDENT

	Order	Received	Cost	Amt Owed
Activity Fee			\$ 40	\$ 40
Uniform Rental Fee (Tux Jacket, Pant, Vest)			\$ 50	\$ 50
Shirt Purchase			\$ 15	\$ 15
Neck size below * Sleeve: 30/31 32/33 34/35 36/37			\$ 15	\$ 15
Tie Purchase			\$ 38	
Men's Shoes if needed		Size: <input type="text"/>		
* Neck Sizes: XS (13-13.5) S (14-14.5) M (15-15.5) L (16-16.5) XL (17-17.5)				TOTAL
Total excluding shoes = \$120; including shoes = \$158				TOTAL

3. WOMEN - RETURNING CHORUS STUDENT

	Order	Received	Cost	Amt Owed
Activity Fee			\$ 40	\$ 40
Uniform Purchase (if necessary - if last year's dress is good, not needed)			\$ 87	
Pearls (all Women except Select Women's Ensemble) (cost to replace)			\$ 10	
Select Women's Ensemble Necklace Purchase (if new to SWE or need replacement)			\$ 14	
Women's Shoes if needed		Size: <input type="text"/>	\$ 30	
TOTAL				

4. MEN - RETURNING CHORUS STUDENT

	Order	Received	Cost	Amt Owed
Activity Fee			\$ 40	\$ 40
Uniform Rental Fee (Tux Jacket, Pant, Vest)			\$ 50	\$ 50
Shirt Purchase			\$ 15	
Neck size below * Sleeve: 30/31 32/33 34/35 36/37			\$ 15	
Tie Purchase			\$ 38	
Men's Shoes if needed		Size: <input type="text"/>		
* Neck Sizes: XS (13-13.5) S (14-14.5) M (15-15.5) L (16-16.5) XL (17-17.5)				TOTAL

I have received items as indicated, paid all fees and understand I am responsible for the cost of replacing missing uniform pieces. I will maintain and clean the uniform as needed throughout the year.

Student Signature _____	Date	Cash:	
		Check:	
		Date	

Replacement Costs Long Garment Bag \$24 Short Garment Bag \$12 Tuxedo Pants \$30 Tuxedo Jacket \$60 Select Men's Vest \$39	Returned Items: Student returned rented uniform pieces except for the following missing/damaged items: 	Total Cost of Missing/ Damaged Items
Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____		

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

1. It is the responsibility of each choral member to arrive for performances with all of the required parts of his or her uniform in cleaned and pressed condition. This includes chorus shoes and **black** socks or knee highs. Women must wear the necklace appropriate for their chorus. Students should arrive fully dressed and prepared to perform.
2. Emergency parts for uniforms will be loaned and signed for on a one-performance basis and must be turned in or paid for immediately following the performance. If the student does not return the borrowed item, the parents will be billed for the replacement at the end of the school year. Please note: a limited number of knee-highs will be available for purchase at each concert for \$2/pair.
3. Upon completion of the final performance of the year, students will return rented uniform pieces and pay any applicable replacement fees (or other fees due the Choral Boosters) under the terms of the Choral Uniform Rental Agreement.
4. All tuxedos and dresses should be dry cleaned and maintained in clean condition, ready for performance. Tuxedo shirts should be laundered after each performance.
5. When the students are in uniform, they are required to be in complete uniform. In cases where extreme heat is a factor, it will be at the Choral Director's discretion if these rules may be adjusted.
6. Alterations: Only alterations for length are permitted. The Woodson Choral Boosters organization recommends using Ace Tailoring in Fair City Mall for any necessary hemming. Students should have their shoes with them when being fitted to assure proper length.
7. Care and keeping of Uniforms:

Cleaning: Dry clean as needed during the year. All uniforms are required to be cleaned prior to the spring trip. Before performances, make sure buttons on shirts and jackets are secure. Touch-up ironing adds a crisp, professional appearance.

Storage: It is best to keep all uniform pieces together and hung neatly in the garment bag. This will help prevent wrinkles and items are less likely to be misplaced. Garment bags are intended to hold the uniform, including shoes, and accessories. Shoes and accessories may be stored in the zip pocket. The garment bags are also essential for traveling. However, these bags are not sturdy enough to use as a tote bag, or to carry extra items. Please do not write on the bags. Name tags will be provided for identification purposes. Students are responsible for lost or damaged bags.

Parent Agreement Regarding Uniforms: Students' participation in chorus constitutes parent agreement with the following:

Participation in the W.T. Woodson choral department requires that my student wear a chorus uniform. I understand that students are fitted for uniforms on Uniform Day, and that on that day, my student will be issued a uniform (or ordered on their behalf.) I will help my student make arrangements to be fitted for a uniform on Uniform Day.

I agree that unless prior financial arrangements have been made with the choral director, my student and I will be responsible for the costs associated with participation in chorus. I understand that all outstanding uniform and participation fees must be paid before my student may participate in co-curricular choral activities such as the spring trip. *Unpaid fees will be reported to the school administration for collection. Students may not graduate until all fees are paid.*

I understand that my student and I are responsible for the return of his or her rented uniform parts in good condition or that we will be responsible for their repair or replacement as determined by the Uniform Coordinator and Choral Director. I agree to make no permanent alterations to rented uniforms, but understand that pants and dresses may be hemmed by Ace Tailoring.

WTW CHORAL BOOSTERS INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM 2014 - 2015

Note: If you have more than one student in Chorus, you may complete one Student Information and Authorization form per family.

CHORAL STUDENT INFORMATION

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3				
NAME <i>Indicate last name if different from parent(s)</i>							
HOME ADDRESS	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none; width: 60%;">Street Address</td> <td style="border: none; width: 20%;">City</td> <td style="border: none; width: 10%;">State</td> <td style="border: none; width: 10%;">Zip Code</td> </tr> </table>			Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code				
GRADE							
CHOIR(S)							
CELL NUMBER							
EMAIL ADDRESS							

PARENT INFORMATION

	MOTHER / GUARDIAN	FATHER / GUARDIAN
Name		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
Work Phone		
Email		

Did you receive eNotes at this address last year?

Yes No

 Yes No

INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION

	YES	NO
<i>I give permission to the W.T. Woodson Choral Boosters to use my child's photograph on the Woodson Choral website (www.woodsonchorus.org) and/or in news releases and for advertising purposes to benefit the Woodson Choral program.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent or Guardian's Signature	Date:	

Please complete and submit this form at the Booster meeting on September 8, 2014 or on Uniform Day on September 20, 2014. Thank you!

WTW CHORAL BOOSTERS - STUDENT HEALTH FORM

✓ Complete a form for each student in Chorus.

✓ Ensure information is accurate and complete.

✓ Use reverse side to provide additional, complete information.

STUDENT INFORMATION

FULL NAME			
NAME	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>	<i>Last</i>
HOME ADDRESS	<i>Street Address</i>		<i>City</i> <i>Zip</i>
CELL & EMAIL	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

	MOTHER / GUARDIAN	FATHER / GUARDIAN
Name		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
Work Phone		
Email		

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

Indicate all Health Conditions that may require attention during Choral activities and trips. Use reverse side as continuation page to describe completely and accurately any symptoms, triggers, actions to be taken.

STUDENT ALLERGIES - Identify all allergies to medications or foods:

Medication Allergies:	Food Allergies:

MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION

Identify any over the counter medication you authorize Choral Directors or Chaperones to provide your student while participating in Choral activities (eg., Tylenol, Advil, Imodium, Pepto Bismol, Benadryl, Dramamine). Authorization is deemed to include generic products.

PHYSICIAN CONTACT - If parent cannot be reached

Physician Name:	Phone:	Other Physician:	Phone:

INSURANCE

Insured Name:	Insurance Company:
Insurance ID/Account/Enrollment Codes:	Phone Number:

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I provide my consent for the W.T. Woodson Choral Directors and Woodson Choral Booster Chaperones to seek emergency medical care for the minor child named on this form during Choral activities and trips, after all reasonable but unsuccessful attempts to contact me, no other reasonable alternatives are available, or the circumstances require immediate actions, such as an imminent health or life threatening situation.

Printed Name	Signature	Date

Term of Authorization: This authorization expires on 31 July 2015.

W.T. Woodson HS Choral Department Syllabus

♪ 2014~2015 ♪

Instructor:

Michael Ehrlich, Director

mlehrlich@fcps.edu

Office: Room E146E

Phone: 703 503-4667

Class Expectations

1. All food and drinks are to be finished BEFORE entering the room.
All unfinished snacks should be placed in your backpack or thrown away.
No open containers of soft drinks, juice, etc. are allowed in the room.
Water is allowed during class. In fact, it's encouraged!
2. No gum or candy at any time, unless given permission.
3. All students are to be seated with music and pencil **when the 2nd bell rings.**
4. Remain quiet during attendance and all announcements.
This includes PA announcements, Pledge, and Moment of Silence.
5. Quiet and focused rehearsals are essential. This allows the director to do his work, which is to help you.
6. All cell phones are to be turned off during class and after school rehearsals.
All cell phones & other devices will be stored in your backpacks.
7. Students are to remain at their seats throughout the rehearsal.
8. Mark your music in pencil as instructions are being given.
9. If you have a question, raise your hand. Please do not call out.
10. Inappropriate language is not acceptable.
11. Respectful behavior toward teachers, students, parents, and all guests.
12. Your level of participation directly affects the ensemble. This is a team effort.
13. A cooperative and positive attitude is necessary to ensure our success.
14. Demand more of yourself. Go the extra mile for the good of the group.
15. Always do the right thing!



After School Rehearsal Policy

After school rehearsals are a part of your grade. These rehearsals are an important aspect in achieving our goals. The following guidelines are to be followed:

1. All students are to be in the rehearsal area, seated or standing as the case may be, ready to begin on time. All students should arrive at least 5 minutes before the actual starting time. **The start time is NOT the arrival time.**
2. If you must meet with a teacher to make up work or take a test on the day of an after school rehearsal, you are to see Mr. Ehrlich first to receive a pass to take to the teacher. You may see Mr. Ehrlich during break or lunch. Please do not wait until after school. This will allow you to go directly to your teacher. **You must have this pass** in order to have an excused tardy for a rehearsal.
3. If you have an after school sports practice, come to rehearsal first and Mr. Ehrlich will give you a pass to go to practice **after** rehearsal is finished. You must remain for the entire rehearsal. It is important that you inform your coach ahead of time of your after school rehearsal.

If you have a game, please submit a note, signed by a parent/guardian, to Mr. Ehrlich at least 1 day ahead of time. **Please type all notes. See grading policy for excused absences.**

4. SCHEDULE DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS for days other than after school rehearsals.
5. **Work is not an excused absence from an after school rehearsal.**
6. If there is an unavoidable conflict, it must be submitted **in writing** to Mr. Ehrlich at least 1 day ahead of time. This note must be signed by a parent/guardian. **Please type all notes. See grading policy for excused absences.**
7. In case of an emergency, please call the choral office and leave a message. A note, signed by a parent/guardian, must be turned in to Mr. Ehrlich your next day in school. Mr. Ehrlich's office # is: **703-503-4667.**

*****IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES*****



Concert Policy and Procedure

1. All students are to be seated in the assigned area by the appointed time.
Arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of time.
If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you're late!
2. Students are to arrive in FULL uniform. ALL uniform parts are to be worn.
Shirt tucked in, vests and ties on.
Ladies: Hair is done and pearls/necklace are on! Sheer black hose or knee-highs.
Men: Black socks and black polishable dress style shoe
Everyone should be completely ready to go!

Dresses: HEMMED 2 INCHES from the floor with your chorus shoes on
Pants: HEMMED so that the pants have a small break at the top of the shoe
3. If you have a uniform problem, you are to arrive **30 minutes before** report time.
4. Students are to remain quiet and focused in the warm-up area.
5. The only accepted reasons for an excused absence from a concert are:
A. Illness B. Family Emergency C. Pre-arranged absence

Please call the choral office if you are sick or in case of an emergency:
703-503-4667
6. Students are expected to follow **proper concert etiquette** during the concert.
7. **All students are to remain for the entire concert.**
8. Students are to remain in full uniform after the performance. This includes shirts tucked in and vests and ties on. You may change when you get home.

****As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated!****



Learning Seminars / Cav Time

Learning Seminars (9:05 – 9:46) are intended to provide opportunities for clarification, intervention and review. Teachers will not be presenting new material at this time.

Cav Time (9:51 – 10:32) is intended for students to study, complete homework and or receive additional support from teachers. Students may obtain flip flop passes in advance to meet with a different teacher; however, students may not flip into PE.

Honor Code and Honor Council

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Woodson High School strives to produce students who act, at all times, in a manner that demonstrates honor and integrity. Any suspected incidents of cheating, plagiarism, or fraud will be referred to the Honor Council. Students found in violation will be subject to the consequences as outlined in the Honor Code. For more information, please refer to the Honor Code and Honor Council Procedures

at: http://www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/academics/ai_honorcode.html

Expectations

1. Knowledge of musical terminology and spelling
2. Correct diction (All languages)
3. Intonation (in tune/out of tune)
4. Precision of rhythm
5. Correct phrasing (as prescribed)
6. Discernment of style (as prescribed)
7. Posture
8. Memorization of music
9. Correct tone production (regardless of vocal beauty)
10. Singing appropriate part correctly, independently
11. Correct breathing
12. Sight-singing at appropriate level
13. Timely completion of assigned work and meeting deadlines
14. Proper care and use of music, folder, equipment and uniform
15. Adherence to correct performance attire and decorum
16. Attendance and punctuality at all rehearsals and performances



Grading Policy

The Fairfax County Public School Course Description includes the following statement:

Students are required to participate in rehearsal and in some public performances during school and OUT-of-SCHOOL time. Ample notification of after school rehearsals and performances are printed in the department calendar.

Parents and students are expected to cooperate with the schedule for the success of all rehearsals and concerts. One student's absence does affect the ensemble!

♪**Excused rehearsal:** Practice all music after school in the chorus room within 1 week of the missed rehearsal. An additional assignment may be given. Students are expected to make up the amount of time equal to the length of the rehearsal.

♪**Excused performance:** Sing **ALL** concert music for Mr. Ehrlich. The student must find other students of differing voice parts to sing with them for an excused absence from a concert. All voice parts of the particular choir must be included. Make-up dates will be scheduled at Mr. Ehrlich's discretion. An additional assignment will be given. Students are expected to make up the amount of time equal to the length of the concert.

Excused rehearsals or performances are accepted for the following reasons:

1. Illness
2. Family emergencies
3. Unavoidable conflicts, such as a pre-arranged absence

Schedule doctors' appointments for times other than after-school rehearsals and performances. **Work, homework, etc. is not an excused absence...** Plan ahead! Advance notice is required whenever possible. It must be in writing and signed by a parent/guardian.

DAILY EVALUATION CHECKLIST:

- I. 5 points- Demonstrates superior work in daily rehearsals
4 points- Demonstrates above average work in daily rehearsals
3 points- Demonstrates average work in daily rehearsals
2 points- Demonstrates below average work in daily rehearsals
1 point- Demonstrates poor work in daily rehearsals
- II. 5 points- Is able to work effectively with teacher and classmates
(Can work independently and as a leader)
4 points- Is able to work effectively with teacher and classmates
(Can work independently when needed)
3 points- Experiences a little difficulty working with teacher and classmates
(Has difficulty working in a section)
2 points- Experiences much difficulty working with the teacher and classmates
(Needs supervision often)
1 point- Is unable to work with the teacher and class
(Unable to work independently or in a section)

- III. 5 points- Has correct music and pencil at all times. Is attentive and on time
 4 points- Has correct music and pencil regularly. Is attentive and on time
 3 points- Is without correct music and pencil at times. Is inattentive and late
 2 points- Is regularly without correct music and pencil. Is inattentive and late
 1 point- Is consistently without correct music and pencil. Is always inattentive and late.
- IV. 5 points- Demonstrates superior knowledge of music skills and sight singing (level appropriate)
 4 points- Demonstrates above average knowledge of music skills and sight-singing
 3 points- Demonstrates average knowledge of music skills and sight-singing
 2 points- Demonstrates below average knowledge of music skills and sight-singing
 1 point- Demonstrates little/or no knowledge of music skills and sight-singing

**Points will be awarded on a weekly basis using the above rubric.
 Included in the quarterly grade will be the following:**

**Co-Curricular rehearsals- 50 points;
 Concerts ~100 points;
 Sight-Singing Quizzes/Written Quizzes~35 points**

Quarter grades are determined as follows: The total points a student has earned is divided by the total points available to arrive at a percentage. Ex: 380 points earned out of a possible 400. $380/400=95$, which is an A.

The final grade at the end of the year will combine the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter grades. The total will be divided by 4 to determine the final grade.

Ex: 1st quarter: 89= B+ 2nd quarter: 93= A 3rd quarter: 95= A 4th quarter: 96= A
 Total for all 4 quarters: 383 $383/400= 95.75$, which is an A.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

**Participation in class- 45%---Concerts-25%---Co-Curricular Rehearsals- 15%
 Sight-Singing- 10%--Homework—5%**

Fairfax County Public Schools Grading Policy

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



**READ & SIGN THE AGREEMENT FORM, WHICH WAS
 INCLUDED IN YOUR CHORUS PACKET**