

GREENVILLE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CHOIR HANDBOOK
2019-2020



Mr. Cox
Choral Director

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Welcome!

My name is Shawn Cox and I am the music teacher at Greenville Junior High School. I am so excited to be working with you and your children this school year. I love to teach music! This is my 18th year teaching music in our school district. Parents, I hope to have the chance to meet each of you face to face. Stop me anytime and introduce yourselves so I can begin making connections. If you ever have questions about choir this year you can visit our website or contact me. This handbook is also a great guide as well.

We can communicate in a couple of ways:

Paper Hard Copy

If you do not have internet access or printing capabilities I can send any of our forms/information home on a hard copy. Please request this on the contract page only if you need it. I do want to be financially/environmentally responsible when it come to paper consumption.

WEBSITE & EMAIL

You can find almost all of the information you need on the school website. Paperwork, handbook, performance dates and more. You are always welcome to send me an email any time.



<http://gjh.bccu2.org/music.html>



Remind is a free app that allows me to send messages to your phones and/or your email address. I will use this form of communication the most.

See Attached Sheet

Choir Class Objectives

- *Acquisition & improvement of healthy singing and choral ensemble techniques to allow students to grow vocally and make an enjoyable and positive contribution to a quality choral organization.
- *Acquisition & improvement of music reading & sight-singing skills to gain musical independence and increase technical skill.
- *Growth in knowledge and performance of a wide variety of music genres.
- *Fostering a love of music and of music making with a high degree of musicianship.
- *Fostering personal skills such as dependability, teamwork, commitment, and work ethic. The amount of satisfaction and fun students receive from choir will be no greater than the amount of hard work and enthusiasm they are willing to consistently contribute. Student attitude will have a direct impact on student achievements as well.
- *Development of a sense of community, trust, and friendships with fellow choir members and realizing the importance of proper conduct, consideration of others, and courtesy as vital parts of the choral experience.

Attendance at Concerts

Because this is a performance based class there are commitments outside the regular school day. Please be aware that attendance at these concerts are required.

Formal attire for concerts

Girls: school appropriate dresses, long skirts, dress pants, blouse, dress shoes
(hair out of face)

Boys: dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, and dress shoes (hair fixed)

Performance Dates

**REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

Frozen Jr. the musical — Auditions soon!

****Christmas Concert** — Monday, December 9th 6:00 at the high school

****Solo & Ensemble Contest** — Saturday, February 29th *Highland Jr. High School*

****Habitat For Humanity Concert** — Spring TBA

****Spring Concert** — Monday, May 4th 6:00 at the high school

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) All District Choir Auditions

Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th, at Mascoutah Middle School

Students will learn a set of music and tonal skills to perform for a judge for a chance to be selected for the All-District Choir. All-District Festival is on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at SIU Carbondale. See Mr. Cox for more details and paperwork to take home. All music and needed skills will be taught in school. Some After school practices may be available.

Naturals (select ensemble)

The naturals is an auditioned singing ensemble comprised of students in regular choir. Auditions will take place at the beginning of the school. Please consider being a part of this ensemble!

Fall Musical

This years fall musical is Frozen Jr! Any student who is in choir class is eligible to be a part of the production. Auditions will take place at the beginning of the school year.

More information to follow!



Sign up for important updates from Mr. Cox.

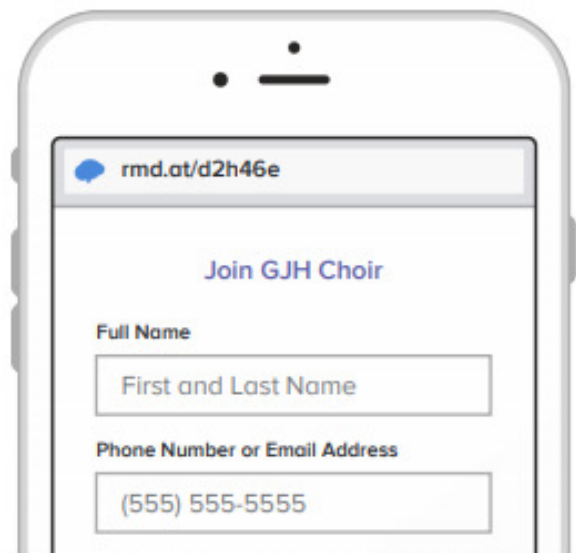
Pick a way to receive messages for GJH Choir:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting [@d2h46e](https://t.me/d2h46e) to (618) 688-0567.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Choir Contract 2019-2020

Parent/Students Contact Information

(Please Print)

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Parent's Contact Phone Numbers _____

Parent's email address _____

I have received and reviewed the Greenville Junior High Choir Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year. I have checked all concert dates & marked them on my calendar. I understand the attendance policy as stated in the handbook.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

(PLEASE RETURN TO MR. COX BY AUGUST 27)

This contract is to insure that both parent and student understand the requirements to be involved in choir. Since this is a performance-based class, students must attend concerts outside the normal school day. Please retain the attached handbook for your records.

PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST PAPER—HARD
COPIES OF ALL INFORMATION

My child is interested in auditioning for
ILMEA Choir Festival (7th & 8th grade only)