

Class Syllabus

Bishop Noll Institute Chorus

Fall 2017

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Goals and Objectives

Welcome to the Bishop Noll Choir! Throughout this semester, you will develop basic musicianship and performance skills through ensemble singing. Together, we will study and perform quality repertoire in many diverse styles. You will learn basic music reading skills along with proper singing posture, breathing technique and vocal production. As part of the semester-long class, the choir will sing at all school masses, perform a Fall Tour, and sing in the **Band/Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday December 17th at 6pm-8:30pm in the BNI Auditorium.**

Class Materials Needed

A binder with all assigned music will be provided to all students. *BINDERS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE TEACHER.*

1. Pencils every day. Ink is NOT to be used when writing on music.
2. Loose leaf paper

Dress Code for Final Exam Concert

Men: White Long-Sleeve Shirt tucked in, Colorful tie, Black pants, Belt (if needed), Black socks, Black shoes, Christmas headwear (Santa/reindeer/elf hats etc.)

Women: *Option 1:* White Long-Sleeve Blouse tucked in, Black Slacks, Belt (if needed), Black socks, Black shoes. *Option 2:* Black Dress at appropriate leg length. Black socks, Black shoes, Christmas headwear (Santa/reindeer/elf hats etc.)

Grading

In this class you will rarely receive homework assignments. Therefore, your grade is based primarily on your attendance at masses, concerts, and your participation and commitment in the classroom. Participation includes being present and **ON TIME** for class, taking notes when asked, respecting the teacher and your fellow classmates, and showing your willingness to sing. There will be no written exam in class.

You must participate in ALL choral performances and dress rehearsals in order to receive a passing grade. Please notify the teacher immediately of any schedule conflicts or emergencies.

1. **Final Exam-The Bishop Noll Christmas Concert; Sunday December 17th, 6pm-8:30pm, Call-time: 5pm-Following the Choir portion of the show ALL CHOIR MEMBERS MUST REMAIN IN THE AUDITORIUM FOR THE BAND PORTION OF THE SHOW (MARK YOUR CALENDARS!) -20%**
2. **School Masses; 1) First School Mass-Aug 30th, 2) October 1st-(11am Mass at Our Lady of Grace, Highland for Bishop Noll Alumni Reunion, 3) November 1st-All Saints Day, 4) Thanksgiving -November 21st, 5) Immaculate Conception-December 8th-20%**
3. **Fall Tour Concerts-Monday evening October 9th, BNI Auditorium- performance alongside Father Driscoll from Notre Dame (Other Dates and Venues TBA) -20%**
4. **Classroom Commitment and Participation -40%**

My Expectations of You

By choosing to take this class, I assume you like to sing or at least have an interest and would like learn more about the proper techniques of singing. This is NOT a "Study Hall" or an "Easy A" class as it might be assumed, so you are expected to participate with a good attitude at all times. My goal is for you to enjoy music while participating in an ensemble, working as a group to prepare for masses and performances, and ultimately using your singing voice as a positive tool to express yourselves. As the saying goes, "you get what you put in." Therefore, the more you put into this class, the more you will get out of it, and the experience will be very rewarding for you. Finally, please have your parents/guardians contact me via email regarding any issues that may affect regular attendance in class.

Class Rules

1. RESPECT!!! Be respectful to the teacher, your fellow classmates, and yourself. **Commitment/Participation points will be deducted for regularly being disrespectful to the teacher and/or fellow students.**
2. No gum or food in your mouth AT ANY TIME-POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED.
3. No cell phones out AT ANY TIME-POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED
4. Only water may be allowed during class, no soda or fruit drinks.
5. No talking during warm-ups, or when the teacher is addressing the class.
6. Be prepared. Bring a pencil EVERY DAY to class.
7. You must always participate in class, NO exceptions.
8. Do not play with or on the band instruments in the classroom, including the piano.