**Choir Handbook 2019-2020**

**Contact Mrs. Catoe**

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**Social Media**

Follow Winner Music Info on Facebook for updates on upcoming events and things that are happening in the WMHS Music Department

**Remind**

Students and their parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for the text service, Remind, to contact Mrs. Catoe outside of school hours and receive occasional reminders and updates for music events.

Middle School Choir: Text @g84deg to 81010

High School Choir: Text @kkf6kc to 81010

**Concert Information**

All 6-12th grade choir students have 3 formal concerts each year– Winter, Spring, and Pops.

**Fall– Tuesday, Oct. 29th**

**Spring– Thursday, Jan. 30th**

**Pops– Thursday, May 14th**

**Fundraising**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising throughout the year. Students may choose not to participate. Funds will be distributed as such: 70% to individual student account, and 30% to music department funds

**Concert Attire**

Students are expected to dress appropriately for concerts. We dress in black and white to create uniformity and put the focus of our performance solely on the music we create. Students need to wear a black or white formal top (collared preferred), and black pants/skirt with black closed-toed shoes. All concert clothing must comply with school dress code.

**Supplies and Equipment**

**Music/Books–** Sheet music and books are the property of Winner School District and should be treated with proper care. Music can only be marked in pencil and must be stored in the provided folders when not in use. Replacement costs for damaged music will be assessed to the student.

**Solo/Ensemble**

All Students in High School Choir are required to prepare a solo or small ensemble work to be performed for the class in the spring. High School students are highly encouraged to participate in the vocal contest in February. Middle School students are also able to prepare a small ensemble or solo piece for their contest in April, but preparation will take place outside of choir class time (Student Staff Fridays, before and after school, Warrior Time).

**Choir Officers**

Officers for each ensemble will be elected by their peers and will serve in several different capacities. Officer positions are: President, Secretary, Historian, and Librarian.

**Attendance**

Our performances are the equivalent of a test/exam in any other class, therefore they are a large part of student grades. Missing a performance for any reason is detrimental to the success of the entire ensemble! **In order for a student to be excused from a performance, the parent/guardian must contact Mrs. Catoe at least 2 days ahead of the absence.**  Illness and Family Emergencies are the only acceptable reasons for missing a performance without prior notice. School activity related absences will be excused at the discretion of Mrs.Catoe, and should be communicated with her by the student prior to the absence.

**Grading**

 Daily Points 25%

Quarterly assessments 15%

Written Assignments 20%

Performances 40%

Sign and Return!

If you have any questions regarding this handbook or anything else related to the music department, please feel free to contact Mrs. Catoe!

**Student:**

I, , have read, understood, and agree to comply with the contents of this handbook.

**Parent/Guardian:**

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**Parent Email(s):**

**Parent Phone(s):**

**Preferred method of contact:**