

**Regis Middle School
Music Department**

**Mrs. Santine
Room 251**

7th/8th Grade Choir

Course Description

The 7th/8th Grade Choir will be instructed in the fundamentals of music reading, music theory, and in proper vocal technique through large group instruction. Individual or small group instruction may be available from time to time. Participation in the Choir requires that all students must sing!

The 7th/8th Grade Choir performs in four concerts throughout the year, which includes a fall concert, a Christmas concert, a “prelude to spring” concert, and a spring concert. Concert attendance and participation is mandatory! Our 2023-2024 concert performances are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, October 30 at 7:00pm.....RMS/RHS Fall Choir Concert, Auditorium

Monday, December 18 at 7:00pm.....RMS/RHS Christmas Choir Concert, Auditorium

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00pm.....RMS “Prelude to Spring” Concert **(Band & Choir)
Auditorium**

Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00pm.....RMS Spring Concert **(Band & Choir), Auditorium**

Objectives:

Each student will be able to:

- Develop your voice to its fullest potential while learning proper vocal technique.
- learn about the fundamentals of music as related to reading, notating, and identifying various elements of music.
- demonstrate independence within the ensemble in the reading and counting of rhythmic patterns and musical notation.
- develop skills as a team member in the ensemble, as well as an independent singer.

Concert Attire:

GIRLS—Please wear a dress or blouse/skirt (knee length or longer) that is school-appropriate, and dress shoes or dress boots. No Uggs, Birkenstocks, flip-flops, or tennis shoes. Leggings or tights may be worn with the dress/skirt. If possible, students are encouraged (but not required) to incorporate “fall” colors for the Fall Concert (think of

the changing leaves in the fall... dark green, dark red, dark brown, dark orange, dark yellow, etc.), “Christmas” colors for the Christmas concert (red, green, white, silver, gold, etc.), and “spring” colors for the final two concerts (pastels or brighter colors).

BOYS— Please wear a **button-down dress shirt (any color), a necktie or bowtie, dress pants or khakis (dressy, not casual), and dress (non-tennis) shoes.** If possible, students are encouraged (but not required) to incorporate “fall” colors for the Fall Concert (think of the changing leaves in the fall... dark green, dark red, dark brown, dark orange, dark yellow, etc.), “Christmas” colors for the Christmas concert (red, green, white, silver, gold, etc.), and “spring” colors for the final two concerts (pastels or brighter colors).

***If you have any specific questions about concert attire, please ask sooner rather than later!**

Materials needed for Choir:

Each day, students are expected to bring the following items:

1. A **black ½-inch or 1-inch choir binder** with any materials you’ve been given for choir
2. A sharpened **pencil**
3. Your school-issued Chromebook with earbuds or headphones

If you forget any of these items, you will lose points from your weekly participation grade. **If you lose any of the school music you are given, you will be responsible for the cost of replacing it—usually \$2-3 per song. Please take care of your materials!**

Expectations

Students are to be in his/her assigned seat on time with their choir binder and music, their Chromebook, and a pencil in hand. **We have five simple classroom rules in the choir room:**

1. Be respectful!
2. When it is time to make a sound OR time to listen, do so and give your best effort!
3. Behave appropriately!
4. Gum, food, candy, and soda are not allowed in the classroom. **Water bottles are allowed!**
5. Hands off the piano and other equipment!

Cell phone policy: As is the policy at Regis Middle School, students may NOT have their cell phone with them in choir... cell phones must remain in your homeroom during the school day. The instructor reserves the right to confiscate the device if this policy is abused.

Evaluation and Grading System

Grades for the course are determined by class participation and behavior, daily assignment grades, quizzes and tests based on daily assignments, and concert participation (as a performer and as an audience member).

1. **50%** of each quarter grade is determined by the total weekly participation grades*. **This includes participation by presence, by positive attitude and by exemplary behavior.**
2. **20%** of each quarter grade is determined by the total daily assignment/homework grades.
3. **30%** of each quarter grade is determined by **concert participation grades**, quizzes, and test grades. *Concert participation grades include arriving on time for warm-ups, wearing the correct concert apparel, remembering your choir music for the concert if memorization is not required, and participating well as an audience member and performer.*

The following numerical equivalents are assigned to letter grades:

A= 93-100	B-= 80-82	D+= 67-69
A-= 90-92	C+= 77-79	D= 63-66
B+= 87-89	C= 73-76	D-= 60-62
B= 83-86	C-= 70-72	F= below 60

*This year, you will be receiving a **weekly participation grade**. If you are participating to your best abilities, (have all materials with you, not talking out of turn, staying on-task, etc.) you will receive the full amount of participation points for that week. If not, points will be deducted as Mrs. Santine sees fit.

All 7th/ 8th Grade Choir students will be assigned to a Google Classroom. Some assignments will be assigned and turned in through their Classroom; others will be turned in during class time.

7th Graders meet everyday for choir; 8th Graders attend choir on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and go to their assigned study hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CHOIR CONTRACT

This contract is to be signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian after reading the syllabus together. Please return it to Mrs. Santine on or before **Friday, September 15, 2023.**

Students: Please print your first and last name neatly in the first blank below, and then sign your full name on the signature line at the bottom of the sheet.

I, _____, agree to follow the rules and expectations explained in this syllabus, including the Choir Classroom Protocols that we are utilizing this year. I will show respect for myself, my school and other people, and will always try to do my best work. I also understand that I am expected to be at all choir performances that are scheduled this year.

Parents/Guardians: Please sign your name in the indicated blank at the bottom of the sheet. **Also, please note the dates and times of the four concerts for this school year, as well as the concert attire for each performance (page one of the syllabus).** All singers are expected to participate in all concerts. Please contact Mrs. Santine at bsantine@regiscatholicschools.com with any questions.

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