Welcome to the ***VPA Chorus*** at Booker Middle School!



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**Classroom Expectations:**

* Fully engaged in class activities
* No “I Cant’s”
* Respect for your peers and teacher
* Being On Time (class, rehearsals, performances, etc.)
* Bringing materials every day
* Hands/Feet to yourself
* Bringing a water bottle
* Maintaining correct posture

**Materials:** These supplies are expected to be in class each day.

Spiral Notebook (kept in the classroom)

Folder

Pencil

Uniform (formal and informal)

Water Bottle

(Suggested Classroom Donations: Kleenex, paper, pencil sharpener)

**Grading Policy:** Each assignment will be posted to Crosspointe and will be in 1 of 4 categories:

1. Participation in Class
2. Tests and Quizzes
3. Assignments
4. Performances/Dress Rehearsals

**Participation** is a large part of the class because I am looking for everyone to give the group their best effort. Every day you have 5 participation points. If one of the five points is not being met you will lose that point for the day. If you have an unexcused absence you will lose all points for that day. If you have an excused absence you will not be penalized. The five points are as follows:

1. Conduct a proper singing posture
2. No gum, food, or drinks (besides water)
3. Always having a pencil
4. Willingness to try new activities and techniques
5. The actual act of singing ☺

**All rehearsals and performances are MANDATORY** for VPA Chorus students. Unexcused absences from rehearsals and/or performances will result in the lowering of the student’s overall letter grade and/or dismissal from the course. If a student misses a performance/rehearsal unexpectedly due to illness, emergency, etc., a separate note explaining the situation should be sent to the teacher and signed by the parent. A courtesy phone call to Mrs. Goldberg is also expected on the day of the missed rehearsal/performance. Each situation will be evaluated on an individual basis.

**Each student will be responsible for a $40** **enrichment fee** which will go towards buses, MPA fees, and music. Please turn this in to Mrs. Goldberg no later than **Friday, September 11th**. The fee will include the purchase of a BMS VPA chorus t-shirt which will serve as our informal uniform.

(Please make checks out to *Booker Middle School* with “VPA Chorus enrichment fee” in the memo line)

**Uniforms**: Each performance will require a uniform. We will either be in our formal uniform or informal uniform. Below are the descriptions of each. The formal uniforms will be ordered for new students the second week of school. Payment for these uniforms is expected at the time of order.

Female Formal: Male Formal: Informal Uniform

Black Dress Black dress pants White tuxedo shirt VPA Chorus T-shirt

Black Flats (NO heels) Black dress shoes Purple Vest Blue Jeans (NO holes)

Hair pulled back Black socks Purple Bow Tie Black Shoes

**VPA Chorus syllabus Form**

*Return this form by Friday, August 28th for an assignment grade of 100%*

STUDENT:

My signature indicates that I have read and understand the responsibilities required of me.

PRINT Student Name Grade Level Period

Student Signature X Date

PARENT:

My signature indicates that I have read and understand the responsibilities required of my child.

I may be available to chaperone field trips or volunteer at these times: (check all that apply)

Daytime  Evenings  Weekends  Anytime

PRINT Parent Name

Parent Signature X Date

Work Phone: Home Phone

Cell Phone:

Comments/Questions