

Welcome to the REUTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR!

The Reuther Middle School Choirs is open to all students enrolled at Reuther Middle School who have a desire to learn, a great work ethic and a positive attitude.

Students and parents should understand that chorus is a performing arts class that requires student involvement in rehearsals and performances scheduled outside of, and in addition to regular daily class meetings. Each student and parent is expected to read this choral handbook and **sign the acceptance letter** to be turned in to Mrs. Lykins for a grade.

We are going to have a busy and exciting year. We cannot wait to make memories and continue the RMS Chorus Tradition of Choral Excellence. Remember to turn in the signed Contract forms by September 16.

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STUDENT SUPPLY LIST:

- Pencil**
- Choir Uniform**

For all choir concerts we ask that students wear something similar to have a uniform look presented on the stage.

Reuther Choir Uniform is: Wear ALL BLACK with a Reuther Blue accent

So BLACK shoes, socks, pants, shirt, skirt, dress, tights, sweater etc. With a BLUE- scarf, tie, bow tie, hair bow, necklace, socks, belt, shoes etc.

RULES:

All uniforms must be school appropriate.

Skirts and dresses must be knee length.

No shorts or tank tops of any kind.

If leggings are worn- they must have a skirt or top overtop that covers to the knee.

Shoes and socks do need to be black or blue- not white or any other color.

CONCERT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Concerts are the culminating celebration of the class learning. It is required that every student be at the concert to contribute. Performance dates are distributed in September, and published in school communications. Unfortunately, illness and family emergencies are a part of life. In this case, an alternate assignment is available.

It is important to note that this optional make-up assignment is not a punishment, but a make-up for a grade missed. AN after school performance is equivalent to any other out of school project like a term paper or science project. Since a student cannot make up a choral concert by himself or herself this is a chance for them to make up the grade missed. A student's grade will not suffer provided they complete the assignment as prescribed below.

Please do everything you can to inform Mrs. Lykins of an absence BEFORE the concert occurs.

Email: clykins@rochester.k12.mi.us

Make Up Report is a PowerPoint Presentation about the composer of a song you are learning in class.

PowerPoint Presentation:

- Due date for the report is one week after the event missed
- Late reports will be lowered by one letter grade each day
- At least 8 pages
- The following items must be included and explained in the presentation:

Birth and death dates (/10pts)

Style period (/10pts)

Country of birth (/10pts)

At least 3 famous works (/30pts/work).

At least two Sound clips of the famous works (/20pts)

At least 3 pictures of the composer (____/10pts)

- Grammar, punctuation, flow of presentation etc... (/10pts)

Overall Grade: ____/100

NOTE: Be sure to follow these guidelines exactly to receive full credit

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

Folders/Music

Each student will be given a choir folder that will be stored in the choir room. The binder will have a number and will be stored in a corresponding number slot. Students are responsible to put the binder back in the correct slot at the end of each class.

Care of the Rehearsal Room

NO FOOD OR DRINKS: are permitted in the chorus room. Water in a bottle with a top is acceptable during rehearsals. **No Chewing Gum:** Gum must be thrown away before rehearsal starts.

Bags/phones/electronics: Please leave all books, backpacks and technology in the assigned area, not be kept at your seat. **Chairs:** Do not lean your chair back, move the desks or move the chairs from their assigned position unless instructed to do so.

Tardy Policy:

Students must be in the classroom **BEFORE** the tardy bell begins to ring and then proceed immediately to their seats. If you are not in the room by the time the tardy bell begins to ring, you are tardy.

Cell Phones:

The Reuther Middle School Policy for Cell Phones is that Cell Phones may be used in between classes only. From bell to bell if a cell phone is seen during class, Mrs. Lykins may take it up and turn it in to the office. Same rule for iPods and Laptops. You may not use your iPod or laptop in chorus class.

Daily Routine:

No Food/Drink

Spit out Gum

Leave book bag/gear/phone/ipod by the wall

Grab Folder/Pencil

Be in assigned seat, when class begins

Announcements

Warm Up

Sight Reading Activity

Rehearse

Tidy up chairs and put binder away correctly

Additional activities include: Learning about music genres and cultures, music theory and music exploration

REUTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR DATES 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Semester 1

** = Required Event

- Friday, 9/23 Choir Sings National Anthem @ RHS Football
Arrive 6PM to Rochester HS Auditorium, Perform 7PM, 7:15PM end time
Wear Reuther/RHS BLUE shirt
- Friday, 10/14 Yate's Cider Mill Social
- ** Thurs. 10/20 Fall Choir Concert @ Reuther in Main Gym
Students arrive 6PM, Concert at 7 PM
Wear All Black outfit with a pop of Reuther BLUE
- Thurs. 10/27 Choir sings at Girls Basketball Crosstown Showdown Jr.
4 PM @ Rochester University (Garth Pleasant Arena)
Wear Reuther BLUE shirt
- Wed. 11/16 7/8 Grade Field Trip to see the Musical, Anything Goes @ RHS
- ** Wed. 12/14 Winter Concert @ RHS Auditorium
Students arrive 6PM, Concert at 7PM
Wear All Black outfit with a pop of Reuther BLUE
- ** Fri. 12/23 Cocoa and Concert—during the school day
Wear Holiday attire

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Semester 2

** = Required Event

- Thurs. 1/26 Choir sings at Boys Basketball Crosstown Showdown Jr.
4 PM @ Rochester University (Garth Pleasant Arena)
Wear Reuther BLUE shirt
- Sat. 2/11 7/8 Kalahari Trip
- Wed. 2/15 7/8 Sing Thing with RHS Choir @ Reuther—2:30-5:00 PM
- Tues. 3/7 6th Grade District Concert @RHS Mall
6PM Student Arrival, 7PM Concert
Wear District Choir Shirt and Jeans/pants
- ** Thurs. 3/9 Festival Choir Concert @ RHS Auditorium
Students arrive 6PM, Concert at 7PM
Wear All Black outfit with a pop of Reuther BLUE
- ** Tues 3/21 7/8 Choir Festival @ RHS
9 AM-12 PM (Noon)
Wear All Black outfit with a pop of Reuther Blue
- ** Thurs. 5/4 7/8 Cabaret Concert @ RHS
Students arrive 6PM, Concert begins 7 PM
Wear Brightly Colored Shirt and Jeans
- ** Wed. 5/10 REUTHER ROCKS Open House
6:30-8:00 PM @ Reuther
Wear Brightly Colored Shirt and Jeans
- ** Tues. 5/23 Choir Concert @ Reuther
Students arrive 6PM, Concert at 7 PM
Wear Brightly Colored Shirt and Jeans

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONTRACT

This form must be signed by all students and parents in order to be eligible for any chorus activity. Students will receive a bonus grade of 100 for returning this form on the due date assigned in class.

Student Acknowledgement:

I, _____ (student's PRINTED name) have read the Reuther Middle School Choral Handbook and understand my responsibilities as a Reuther Middle School Choral member. I agree to abide by the rules stated therein.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement:

I, _____ (Parent or legal Guardian PRINTED name) have read the Reuther Middle School Choral Handbook and will support my child as a member of the Reuther Middle School Choral program under the rules stated in the choral handbook. I also give permission for him/her to attend all concerts.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____