



The Willow Honors Chorus

Auditions: Wednesday, August 21

The Willow Honors Chorus (WHC) is an extra-curricular opportunity for students in grades 3-5. WHC members are selected through an audition process in the Fall. They should have an interest in choral music and a willingness to participate in rehearsals and performances to the best of their ability. WHC members and parents are required to read chorus policies and sign the chorus contract before students are permitted to audition. Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays after school, 3:30-5:15, in the Goldring.

What will happen in your audition on Wednesday, August 21:

1. All auditioning students will assemble together in the Goldring after dismissal.
2. Students will do a group vocal warm up with Mr. Barrau.
3. Students will be called into the audition room individually or in small groups.
4. Mr. Barrau will give a starting note and students will sing the “Star Spangled Banner”. Don’t worry, as a student may sing “Happy Birthday” if they know it better.
5. Students will be returned to the Goldring to wait until everyone else has auditioned.

If students are ill on the day of the audition,

- Parents must notify the office on the day of audition (**Wednesday, August 21st**) before 2pm.
- Families will be notified of a make-up audition date. ***No exceptions***

Students will be notified of acceptance via email Wednesday, August 28th.

Acceptance into the chorus is determined by a panel of adults with significant vocal training and experience. A scoring rubric will be used and results are final. There will be no in-person, email, or phone conferences regarding a student’s audition.

Willow Honors Chorus Policies

It is an honor to be a member of the chorus, Willow's premiere vocal ensemble. This honor also comes with responsibilities. Both chorus members and their parents are asked to make a commitment to carry out the responsibilities below. Please, discuss this information before signing the chorus contract so that all family members are aware of the commitment that is required.

PARTICIPATION

1. Follow the Lusher Way; behave in a manner fitting a school leader & role model.
2. Spend a little time every day practicing your music with the practice tracks the teacher provides.
3. Treat your choir music with respect – remember it is on loan to you from the school.

FINANCIAL

1. Pay all fees (**\$175 for non-Lagniappe students; \$125 for Lagniappe students**) for participation directly to the Willow business office (no cash allowed).
2. There will be no refunds unless there is a decision to leave the ensemble in the first two weeks.

ATTENDANCE

1. Attend every Thursday rehearsal from 3:40-5:30 pm in the Goldring. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, August 29th.
2. Parents, pick up students promptly after rehearsal (if they are not going to after care) at the Pine Street gate. We are no longer dismissing from the Goldring building.
3. The WHC is an ensemble and therefore it is important for every singer to always be present. Because our rehearsals only happen once each week, please avoid conflicts that interfere with our time. This includes early pick-ups – the flow and focus of a rehearsal is severely interrupted when a student has to leave early. Repeat attendance issues will be grounds for dismissal from the group.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

The WHC will follow the performance attire that all other Lusher choral ensembles follow. This is required not only to keep things similar across the entire choral music curriculum, but also because it helps cultivate a sense of ownership and professionalism among the chorus members.

Concert Black:

- black dress
- black button-down or dressy top with black skirt and black dress shoes
- black button-down or dressy top with black dress pants (no jeans!) and black dress shoes

All performance clothes must follow the rules of Lusher's dress code.

Honors Chorus Audition Permission

Students must return this permission slip in order to be admitted to the audition.

Audition Date: Wednesday, August 21st, 2019

Audition Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Audition Location: Goldring Auditorium

_____ has my permission to audition for the Lusher Honors Chorus.

I or _____ will pick my
(Name of person other than guardian signing permission slip)
student up from the Pine Street gate at 5:30 pm

My student should go to Lagniappe once audition is complete

All students who remain at the end of auditions will be escorted to Lagniappe.

I understand the expectations for behavior and attendance.

Parent Signature

Date

I understand that there is a fee of **\$125 for Lagniappe students** and **\$175 for non-Lagniappe students** associated with participation. For continued participation, these fees are due on Friday, September 27th.

Parent Signature

Parent Email Address (please print clearly!)
