

# Shanley High School Choral Department

Semester I

**FALL FINE ARTS SHOWCASE:** Monday, October 18 @ 7:30PM (SHS Auditorium)  
**DRESS REHEARSAL:** Saturday, December 18 @ 9AM  
**SHS CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Sunday, December 19 @ 4PM  
**SHS CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Monday, December 20 @ 7PM

Semester II

**SHANLEY CHOIR TOUR:** March 23-28 to...  
**EDC REGIONAL MUSIC CONTEST:** first week of April  
**HOME CONCERT:** Sunday, April 10 @ 4PM  
**STATE MUSIC CONTEST** in Jamestown: April 29  
**SPRING POPS CONCERT:** Monday, May 23 @ 7:00 PM (SHS Auditorium)

**MARK THESE DATES on your calendar right away!**

**ATTITUDE/PARTICIPATION:** each student shall be given 3 attitude/participation points each day in exchange for regular rehearsal participation, good conduct and courtesy (both to ensemble members and director). If a problem arises, the student receives one warning and should it persist, would result in the loss of one of those 3 points. This can greatly affect your classroom grade. Keep in mind that unexcused absences and excessive absences from class will also affect your grade.

**FOLDERS:** each choir member will be assigned a number and will receive music marked with that number to share with another singer. If music is lost or damaged (including the folder), the assigned members shall be responsible for its replacement cost at the end of the year. You are responsible for your folder.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Various opportunities are available to you as a choir member. The women and men of the choirs each have a small ensemble available that sings lighter literature (auditions to be held next week). There are music festivals to audition for and contests to work towards. I am very happy to help you in these experiences...please let me know if you are interested in pursuing them. Also, keep in mind that many well-intentioned students don't ask for help or indicate interest soon enough for me to help them. Each of these opportunities can be a great growth experience and the satisfaction you receive in return is amazing. As you consider, please know that any of the voices in the choirs are worthy of these types of ventures, not just section leaders, seniors, etc.. Soloists and groups are invited to sing the National Anthem at sporting events. We would rather amaze all of our visitors with our hidden talents than play a recording.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Students are required to have one lesson per quarter, at a time before, during or after school. Once the last lesson day passes, there shall be NO make-up lessons and no make-up projects to replace the grade. You have 9 weeks to find time for a 15 minute lesson. If you skip/miss your lesson twice, you will not get a third opportunity. Please choose and begin working on solos/duets 1st semester, as 2nd semester gets very busy with many things. I maintain a private voice studio one night each week. I have openings for about a few students at this time. Please contact me interested. There will periodically be other assignments which supports your learning in class. Make sure to complete and turn these in. It is your responsibility to gather any missed work or material if you miss class. Once the deadline has passed, you will only receive partial credit.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Extra credit points are available for projects completed under the director's supervision. Examples may include performing, writing assignments, assistance, etc.. Also, there is one "work-study" position available that rewards a partial tour scholarship...please see Mrs. Raber if interested for details.

**MEETING TIMES:** Chorale and Varsity Choir meet five times each week, Monday through Friday, during 4th and 7th period.



**GRADING:** choir grades shall be based on attendance (including concerts), assignments, rehearsal participation and each member's general conduct, attitude and contribution to the group effort. Students are expected to be at every event at which the choir performs; please note these dates in your family calendars so that you may alleviate any conflicts well in advance of the concert. The performance dates are listed on the school calendar as well as on this syllabus for your convenience. Unexcused absences from a rehearsal or performance shall result in the lowering of the student's grade as well as a conference with the parents. Excused absences include extreme illness and family emergencies. If proper, advance notice is not given, students shall also be graded by the above policy (no excuses shall be accepted after the fact, unless in the case of an emergency). Each member is expected to participate in the choir for the full academic year. By definition, any great team, whether athletic, professional or musical, desires to work together for a common goal. Your individual contribution to our ensemble is needed, not only in a physical (vocal) sense, but both aesthetically and psychologically as well. **You shall have to earn 3 daily attitude & participation points to determine your grade in this class in combination with performances & other work.**

*We are what we repeatedly do...excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.*