

2007 RRHS 2008

DRAGONCHOIR



Handbook

Welcome to RRHS Dragonchoir! Inside this booklet is everything you need to know about the RRHS Choir for 2007 – 2008.

TAKE ME TO YOUR PARENTS!

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RRHS Choir Schedule 2007:

“A” Days

- 1st Period: 9:05 – 10:32 – Conference
2nd Period: 10:40 – 12:12 – Kantori (Concert Treble)
3rd Period: 12:20 – 1:53 – Show Choir (Chorale Honors)
4th Period: 2:41 – 4:08 – Acappella (Chorale Mixed)

“B” Days

- 5th Period: 9:05 – 10:32 – Concert Mixed
6th Period: 10:40 – 12:12 – Chamber Singers (Vocal Ens.)
7th Period: 12:20 – 1:53 – Conference
8th Period: 2:41 – 4:08 – Dept. Chair



RRHS Dragonchoir 2007- 2008 Calendar

FRIDAY, September 14th – National Anthem Sing: RRHS v. BASTROP (Call time 6:00. Game at 7:30)

SATURDAY, September 15th – Ice Cream Social – 7:30 – 9:00 Fern Bluff Park

MONDAY, September 17th RRHS Open House 6:45 – 9:15

FRIDAY, September 21st – National Anthem Sing: RRHS vs. MIDWAY (Call time 6:30. Game at 7:30)

FRIDAY, September 28th – National Anthem Sing: RRHS vs. WESTWOOD (Call time 6:30. Game at 7:30)

SATURDAY, September 29th – TMEA All-District Choir Auditions – Round Rock HS

FRIDAY, October 19th – National Anthem Sing: RRHS v. GEORGETOWN (Homecoming)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd – RRHS CHOIR FALL CONCERT – 7:00 RRISD PAC

MONDAY, October 29th – TMEA Region Choir Auditions – Stony Point HS

FRIDAY, November 2nd – National Anthem Sing: RRHS v. CEDAR PARK (Call time 6:30. Game at 7:30)

SATURDAY, November 17th – TMEA Region Choir Clinic/Concert – Leander HS

MONDAY, November 26th – TMEA Pre-Area Choir Auditions – McNeil HS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th – RRHS CHOIR WINTER CONCERT – 7:00 RRISD PAC

TBA, December – Holiday Event in Wells Branch (small ensembles only) 5:30 – 7:30

SATURDAY, January 8th 2008 – TMEA Area Choir Auditions – Waco Midway HS (Friday-Saturday trip)

February 6th – 9th – RRHS Fine Arts Dept. Presents “Seussical the Musical” –RRISD PAC

February 13th - 16th – TMEA All-State Convention – San Antonio

FRIDAY, February 22nd 2008 – UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest – Westwood HS

THURSDAY, March 6th – RRHS Band & Choir Present: “Java Jive” – 7:00 RRHS Student Center (tentative)

SATURDAY, March 29th – PRE-UIL CONCERT (Joint with RRISD schools) – CD Fulkes MS (tentative)

MONDAY & TUESDAY, April 7th & 8th –UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest – Cedar Park HS

THURSDAY, MAY 15th – Spring Show Rehearsal Night (Small Groups/Solos only)

FRIDAY, MAY 16th – RRHS CHOIR SPRING SHOW – RRISD PAC – 7:30

Saturday, May 17th – Year’s End Picnic – Wells Branch Park (tentative)

May 24th & 26th – TEXAS STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE –UT-Austin

TBA – RRHS Class of 2008 Graduation – Frank Erwin Center



RRHS Choir Grading Procedure

Daily Work: 50%

Every member of a choir is vital to its success. In such large classes with unique formats, the attendance and contributions of every individual play a large role in the achievements of the overall group. Aspects of this daily rehearsal work include, but are not limited to the following:

- Being in place when the bell rings with all necessary materials on hand (music, pencil, etc..).
- Active participation in the rehearsal.
- Attendance at special group or section rehearsals as called.
- Daily in-class assignments.

Concerts: 30%

A word about our concerts...PARENTS PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY!

Concerts are our major exams. Unfortunately, and obviously, there can be no true make-up assignment for a live concert performance. An unexcused absence from a concert may be treated the same as an unexcused absence from a six-weeks exam. In other words, **an unexcused absence from a concert will severely affect a student's grade.** For example, a student has a 100 average in all other areas, accounting for 70% of the total grade. An unexcused concert absence will result in a **zero** for the remaining 30% of the grade. This means the student can make no higher than a 70 for the six-weeks grading period.

Things that may excuse you from a concert performance:

- Severe illness (doctor's note required)
- Family emergency
- Direct and unavoidable conflict with a UIL event which requires your participation.

Things that WILL NOT excuse you from a concert:

- Forgetting about it.
- Forgetting or being unable to find your concert dress or tuxedo.
- Transportation not arranged. You now have the concert schedule – start looking for a ride...
- Practices, meetings, or any non-UIL event related to RRHS.
- Any kind of local club activity (social, athletic, etc...). Only UIL (i.e. RRHS-related) events (games, competitions, etc...) are acceptable for an excused absence.
- Work: **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A JOB CONFLICT EXCUSE YOU FROM A CONCERT.**
- Mild illness: If you attend school on the concert-day, you are expected to attend the concert that evening. If you are unable to sing due to illness, you are expected to attend the concert and support the performance in some way (backstage, door usher, applauding loudly, etc..).

Special cases regarding any situation not listed above will be handled on an individual basis.

Students with an excused concert absence are given a written assignment to fulfill the concert grade. This essay will be graded by the same standards as your English class. The resulting grade will replace the concert grade.

If a student has an unexcused absence for more than one concert over the school year, that student will be removed from the choir program. If a student misses more than two concerts for any reason, that student may be removed from the program.

Additional Quizzes/Projects: 20%

GOALS OF THE SECONDARY CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The Choral Music Department of Round Rock High School is committed to producing high-caliber musical performances enriching the lives of both the students and the surrounding community. The goal of the choral program is to provide a wide variety of musical opportunities for each student, according to his/her abilities and interests.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM

1. To afford a quality musical experience.
2. To provide for several levels of ability and achievement within any given grade and age. Grouping by placing students in musical groups according to musical maturity and ability.
3. To encourage a sense of ownership and the self-discipline required to reach or exceed goals that are set before the group and before individuals.
4. To develop the technical skills and musicianship of each student.
5. To present a course of study in which a student may participate in a progressively arranged curriculum.
6. To provide special musical opportunities for those students endowed with exceptional ability.
7. To create the desire to give the best possible effort at all times, as a group and as individuals.
8. To develop attitudes necessary for successful group participation wherein personal relationships and responsibilities become more meaningful.
9. To provide a means for individual and group expression through encouragement and appropriate environment.
10. To instill a love for music through the creation of it.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECONDARY MUSIC PROGRAM

The Choral Music Department of RRHS encourages participation in several types of activities. No single activity is placed above others, but is a compliment to the others contributing to the growth of the choral department and individuals within the program. The goal of the RRHS Choral Department is that every student enrolled in the program will have at least one activity that he or she will find most enjoyable. A variety of activities is provided throughout the school year:

1. High School District, Region, and State Choir auditions, sponsored by the Texas Music Educator's Association.
2. Spring UIL Contests – Solo & Ensemble, Concert & Sightreading.
3. Any clinics potentially valuable to the students growth as musicians.
4. Concerts given by the students at their home school for the community and school personnel.
5. Concerts given outside the school district that provide the students with an opportunity to perform for the general public.
6. Major musical productions which combine resources from within the school setting.



Please read the following statement.
Sign on the appropriate lines
and RETURN THIS PAGE
to Mr. White.

*“Our signatures below mean that we have read the entire handbook.
We understand that this handbook will serve as the definitive source for all choir
program matters.”*

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

CHOIR PARENTS: Our Choir Booster Email List is our foremost method of communication about Booster Activities, Choir Concerts, and other Community Events involving RRHS Dragonchoir. Please take a second to give us an email address where we may contact you. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY. *Spam factor: You may receive an email once a month.*

Parent Email: _____



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SHIRT ORDER

(ONE FORM PER SHIRT)

Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Circle one: Acappella

Concert Mixed

Kantori

Circle one: Student shirt

Parent shirt

Size: S M L XL 2XL

All shirts are \$5 except XL and 2XL(\$6)

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PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER.
EXTRA FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BOOKSHELF.



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