

# Memorial High School Choirs Information

Hello future Memorial students! This paper contains information about each choir available at Memorial High School. Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you may have! I hope to see you next year in one of my choir classes!

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Please watch this video about MHS Choirs: [MHS Choirs Video for 8th Graders](#)

## Treble Choir

This choir is open to all soprano and alto students. Freshmen sopranos and altos should sign up for this choir. Students learn important skills that will help them move on to the other choirs in future years. This choir has 4 concerts during the school year and students have the opportunity to travel with the choir each year.

## Mixed Choir

This choir is open to all freshmen bass and tenor students. Freshmen basses and altos should sign up for this choir. Students learn important skills that will help them move on to the other choirs in future years. This choir has 4 concerts during the school year and students have the opportunity to travel with the choir each year.

## Concert Choir

This auditioned choir is the top large ensemble choir at MHS. Incoming sophomores through seniors (all voices) may audition for this choir each spring. This choir has 4 concerts during the school year and students have the opportunity to travel with the choir each year. Students study and perform challenging, quality choral literature throughout the year, and often have additional performing opportunities outside of the regular concert schedule.

## Old Abe Show Choir

This is the top auditioned "Varsity" show choir at MHS. All students who are incoming freshmen through seniors may audition for this choir. Auditions take place in late April or early May each year for the following school year. Mrs. K. will pass audition information on to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir teachers at a closer date, and they can share it with you. There are many performing opportunities for this choir, including show choir competitions! This choir meets every other day during 7<sup>th</sup> hour (students have study hall or Madrigals opposite it) and on Thursday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. Students are required to be in Treble Choir, Mixed Choir, or Concert Choir if they are in this show choir. Students may sign up for this choir before auditions, and then class schedules are adjusted after audition results are posted.

## Madrigals/Noteworthy (A Cappella Choir)

This is the top small vocal ensemble at MHS. Incoming sophomores through seniors may audition for this group each spring. The Memorial Madrigals have been spreading holiday cheer with their caroling in the Eau Claire Community for over 50 years! There are several performing opportunities for this group in addition to the caroling gigs, including A Cappella Festivals and a Competition. This choir meets every other day during 7<sup>th</sup> hour. Students are required to be in Concert Choir if they are in this group.

## Eagle Show Choir

This is the only choir at MHS that is a club instead of a class. This is the "JV" show choir and is open to all soprano and alto high school students, with no audition necessary. Information about Eagle Show Choir becomes available each September at the start of the school year. Eagle Show Choir meets on Tuesday evenings. This is the only choir that is not directed by Mrs. K. They compete in show choir competitions and perform at the May Pops Concert.



## Memorial High School Choirs “Extra” Information

- Why should I join choir in high school? Besides being fun and learning some great music, choir is a great place to meet new friends who love to sing, just like you! We really do become a choir “family,” and support each other. It really helps students with the transition from middle school to high school.
- When are the choir concerts in high school? The 4 concerts are usually mid/late October, mid-December, early March, and mid-May (Pops concert at Owen Park!).
- Do the choirs get to go on trips? Yes! Trips are not allowed at this time due to the pandemic, but we are hoping they can happen again sometime soon. Students perform as a choir on these trips and are often provided extra opportunities such as workshops and attending Broadway shows. Are these trips required? No, they are totally optional.
- Are there fundraising opportunities available? Yes! If you would like to raise money to help pay for show choir fees and/or choir trips, there are multiple fundraising opportunities available.
- What is Solo/Ensemble Festival? This is an optional opportunity for students who would like to work more in depth on their singing techniques and musicianship. While it is not required, I do encourage all students to consider performing a solo or an ensemble (duet, trio, etc.) for this April festival. I help the students learn their songs, they perform in front of a judge, and receive helpful and encouraging feedback. Students receive a score, but it is not a competition against other students. Students can advance to State Solo/Ensemble in May.
- Why is there a fee to be in show choir? The school district does pay for a lot of the fees associated with show choir, such as thousands of dollars for music arranging, copyright fees, choreographer, buses, entrance fees, etc. However, we need to supplement this with student fees to help pay for costumes, etc. A few scholarships are usually available through the Choir Boosters.