

# HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL

## CHOIR DEPARTMENT

### HANDBOOK

2023-2024



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Welcome, all new and returning choir students! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for the 2023-2024 school year!

I am excited to be joining the department this year and have enjoyed seeing some familiar faces in the halls! It is an honor to work with you all.

This year you will continue to work on musicianship, vocal technique, sight singing, and ensemble and solo performance. You also will have opportunities to audition and perform in district and state honors choirs, as well as school-wide musical events such as our Broadway Cabaret and our spring musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. We will provide opportunities for you to support our department through our fun car wash fundraiser, our monthly Dining for Dollars events, and our December Caroling event.

Get ready to work hard and have fun making music with friends!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Waldrop'.

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## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS/ ATTENDANCE AND GRADING

It is important that each student arrives on time, maintains good attendance, and remains on task in order to master the course material and techniques.

- Tardies and unexcused absences will be handled in accordance with FCPS attendance policies.
- If you are unexcused absent/ absent due to illness during the school day, you may not participate in the after school concerts or rehearsals that day. If absence is due to illness you may be given a chance to do a make-up assignment.
- Please see “Rubrics” for specific concert and rehearsal grading, located in Schoology.
- If a student is not present at a concert, they will receive a “not turned in (NTI)” in the gradebook, which is equal to a 50 (F). If it is an excused absence, and communication from the parent or guardian is received, a make up assignment can be assigned to replace this grade. If the absence is unexcused, the make up assignment will only account for 75% of the missed performance experience. This must be turned in by the end of the quarter in which the concert was performed.
- **Attendance:** IS EXPECTED! Being on time to class is important to Herndon High School. When students arrive to class on time, teachers can start class with minimal interruption and maintain the momentum of their instruction. Students are considered tardy if they are not inside their classroom when the bell rings. It is essential to student learning and achievement that absences, even excused, be kept to a minimum. No level of makeup work can ever replace actual face-to-face class instruction.
- **Communication of Student Progress:** With the Implementation of the Student Information System (SIS), parents and students will have access to grades through SIS Parent Account and StudentVue. Students and parents are encouraged to access SIS on a regular basis to get an update on grades.

For additional information on the SIS Parent Account, please click on the following link:

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps/sis-parent-account-overview>

For additional info. on StudentVue please click on the following link:

<https://www.fcps.edu/node/31444>

### **TAGGING on FACEBOOK, or other social media sites.**

Never tag other people in photos or videos of Herndon Choir concerts and events without permission. Identifying others, besides yourself, creates the potential for privacy violations, and could require us to eliminate pictures and videos at concerts. Also, Videos of Herndon Choral Performances are not allowed and could be considered a violation of copyright. Please do not post our performances publicly.

**HONOR CODE** - Please make sure you are familiar with the honor code, as all students will be expected to abide by it.

“As a student at Herndon High School, I am committed to behave honorably. I will not lie, cheat, steal, or plagiarize, and I will not enable others to do so.”

This course adheres to FCPS School Board Regulations including the following.

- R3866.1 [Co-curricular Statement](#)
- P3205 [Homework](#)
- R5922 [Student Fees](#)
- R2234 [Student Absences](#)
- P2232.4 [Student Attendance](#)

### **Finance Information and Policies for School Year 2023-2024**

- Please see separate document called “Fee Structure 2023-2023”

# Herndon HS Choir Calendar 23-24

Check out our Google Calendar for updates: [www.herndonhschoir.com](http://www.herndonhschoir.com)

Choir class is co-curricular. This means that there are class requirements during AND after school or evening. Our concerts are our after school commitments required for every class. Please make sure that you have these required dates on your family calendars. **If any dates are altered due to extenuating circumstances, communication will be sent home to chorus families in as timely a manner as possible.**

**Highlighted = all students are required to attend**

**BOLD = Madrigals are required to attend**

\* = optional, but FUN event

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday, Sep 6, 2023	<b>Madrigals: Back to School Night</b>	5:30-8:00	HHS, meet in chorus room at 5:30
Friday, Sep 8, 2023	Choir Pizza Party*	during all lunches	Choir room
Tuesday, Sep 12, 2023	<b>Choir Family Open House/Uniform Fittings</b>	7:30-9:00	Choir room light refreshments!
Friday, Sep 15, 2023	Deadline for Senior Honor Choir Registration, open to seniors	Find audition info <a href="#">here.</a>	online
Saturday, Sep 23, 2023	Car Wash*	8-2	Reston Sunoco (near Target)
Sept 28 - Oct 5	Senior Honors Choir Audition window. Virtual audition.	Student scheduled time.	online
Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023	<b>Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal</b>	3:00-4:30	Stage
Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023	Booster Meeting - all are welcome!	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Thursday, Oct 12, 2023	<b>Fall Concert</b>	7:00 PM Call time 6:00PM	Stage/Choir Room
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023	HS District Chorus Auditions - open to all chorus students	TBA	TBA
Wednesday, Nov 8, 2023	Booster Meeting - all are welcome!	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Nov 16-18	Senior Honors Choir Rehearsals/Concert	all day	Richmond, VA. selected students
Monday, Nov. 20, 2023	Broadway Cabaret Auditions*	3:00-6:00	Choir Room/TBA
Friday, Dec 1, 2023	<b>Winter Concert Rehearsal</b>	3:00-5:00	Stage

Monday, Dec 4, 2023	<b>Winter Concert</b>	7:00 PM Call time 6:00PM	Stage
Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023	Cabaret Rehearsals begin (will be separate schedule)*	after school	Choir Room, various
Wednesday, Dec 6, 2023	Booster Meeting - all are welcome!	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Saturday, Dec 9, 2023	<b>Madrigals Concert HUMC</b>	7:00 PM	HUMC
Sunday, Dec 10, 2023	Caroling Caroling We Will Go!*	TBA	the streets and maybe RTC
Dec 11-15, 2023	<b>Madrigals visit feeder schools</b>	Times TBA	various
Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024	Booster Meeting - all are welcome!	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Thursday, Feb 1 - Saturday, Feb 3	Broadway Cabaret Performances		Stage
Thursday, Feb 8 - Saturday, Feb 10	District Chorus and All State Auditions, selected students	Thurs. evening All day Fri/Sat	Oakton HS
Feb 12-14, 2024	Fiddler on the Roof auditions		Stage
Wednesday, Feb 28, 2024	<b>Pre-Assessment Dress Rehearsal (if needed)</b>	3:00-5:00	Stage
Thursday, Feb 29, 2024	<b>Pre-Assessment Concert with HMS</b>	7:00 PM 6:30 Call Time	Stage
March 7-8, 2024	<b>Assessment Concerts</b>	Times TBA	Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, Mar 13, 2024	Booster Meeting - all are welcome!	7:00 PM	Choir Room
April 18-20, 2024	All State Choir, selected students	Times TBA	Richmond, VA
May 3-5, 2024	Fiddler on the Roof		Stage
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Booster Meeting - all are welcome!	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Monday, May 13, 2024	<b>Pops Concert Rehearsal</b>	3:00-6:00	Stage
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	<b>Pops Concert</b>	7:00 PM	Stage
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	Chorus Awards* all students and parents invited	7:00 PM	Cafeteria

## HHS CHOIR Concert Attire

### Concert Chorale (period 2 and 3)/ and Vocal Jazz (Period 9)

*Option A:* We will order a black button down dress shirt for you. Shirts are to be tucked in and worn with a black belt. You will need to provide: Black dress shoes and black pants (Please note that leggings are not appropriate concert attire).

*Option B:* You will be issued a black concert gown. You will need to provide: Black dress shoes.



**Concert Chorale**

**Vocal Jazz**

### Madrigals Concert Attire

*Option A:* We issue a black dress shirt, burgundy suit vest and black tie. You provide black dress pants like those above. You provide black dress shoes and socks

*Option B:* We issue a Burgundy madrigal concert gown. You provide black dress shoes.

In December, Students will be issued a renaissance costume for our school caroling or you can provide your own but it must be approved in advance.

### Show Choir attire

(This group may change costumes during the year depending on the nature of their program.)

- Everyone needs to provide their own black dress pants or black leggings to the ankle.
- Everyone needs to provide black jazz shoes (tie or slip on).
- Black character shoes are optional and a nice option to go with the dresses.

You can get dance shoes locally at The Cinnamon Tree in Herndon (say that you are in HHS show choir. The owner is a former HHS Show Choir student and loves to help) or you can order online. Don't order heels higher than 1.5 inches. Dance shoe sizes run differently. It would be worth it to try them on. If you have any problems please let Mrs. Waldrop know.