

Bush Choir Syllabus
Rachel Landowski
Rachel.landowski@tumwater.k12.wa.us

Class Description:

Students enrolled in choir at Bush Middle School will learn individual and ensemble singing skills and attitudes. They will explore a variety of choral music and vocal techniques, as well as music theory, music history, and listening skills.

Class Outline:

This school year will consist of building and improving music reading and performance skills. We have three main home concerts that occur about every 9 weeks that we use to demonstrate our learning in front of a live audience. Those main three concerts are indicated in bold in the calendar dates below.

Please note that concerts are a **required** part of this course. Missing any of these performances will affect the student's grade. If there are conflicts or extenuating circumstances, please let me know at least 2 weeks before the concert via Email.

<u>Grading Scale</u>		<u>Weighted Averages</u>	
90-100	A	Rehearsal Skills	40%
80-89	B	Concerts and performances	50%
70-79	C	Assignments and test	10%
60-69	D		
0-59	F		

Supplies

You will need the following items everyday for this class:

- a) ½ inch 3-ring binder (a peechee folder is ok, but binder preferred)
- b) Pencil

Your daily grade is 40% of your total grade.

Here are the FOUR ways to Ensure You Get An "A" Everyday in Choir

1. Be on time and prepared. This means you are in the choir room with your materials before I begin class. When you hear the piano start for warm ups you are at your assigned seat, stand and warm-up your voice and body for the day.
2. Participate appropriately to the best of your ability that day and listen ACTIVELY.
3. Be a leader, not a follower. Sing out, don't be afraid of mistakes, that's how we learn! Be kind. If someone needs help, do so kindly. If someone is new, welcome them! If someone near you makes a mistake, build them up, don't tear them down.
4. Be responsible. Put everything away after class, keep track of where your important things are. Ex. Music, folder, pencil, permission slips, forms, etc.

Uniforms:

<p>Option A: Black concert dress needs to be ordered by you ASAP https://www.stageaccents.com/rockleigh.html.</p> <p>Black flats or low heels and a strapless undergarment are also required. Please let me know if you have a financial difficulty in purchasing this item, we have resources to support you</p> <p>You can also provide a long black dress of your choice if that works better for you. I would like them to have a neckline at your collar bone or above and thick straps, cap or full sleeves if possible. Or a shorter skirt/dress with opaque black tights</p>	<p>Option B: Black slacks (not leggings: a more generous cut is required), black button up dress shirt. You can add a jacket if you wish. We liked the jackets we ordered last year from southeastern performance apparel: https://sepapparel.com/legacy-suit-coat-men-choir.html</p> <p>These items must be ordered or purchased by you ASAP. Please let me know if you have a financial difficulty in purchasing these items, we have resources to support you</p>
---	---

- Students are responsible for ordering their uniform before the first concert on 11/15/23. Option A wearers are responsible for hemming your skirt to floor length and acquiring black dress shoes. Option B wearers need black socks and shoes (no tennis shoes),
- Everyone must have eyes visible- no hair covering the eyes or face.
- Large jewelry hair clips etc... which singles you out from the group is not preferred

Email Communication:

I use email via skyward’s messenger system to communicate with students and parents about upcoming events and reminders. Please make sure your email is up to date in our Skyward system. If it is not you can contact the main office and they can update it for you. If for some reason you are having a hard time getting in touch with them, email me and I’ll get it updated for you.

BUSH CHOIR CONCERT/EVENT CALENDAR

Please save these dates and put reminders in your phones!

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
11/15/23 6:30 PM	BUSH MS Choir Informance	BMS Main Gym
2/3/24 between 8&3	Vocal solo and ensemble	Timberline Optional
2/13/24 7pm	TSD Arts Festival	Washington Center for Performing Arts

Note to parents/guardians:

The T-shirt cost is roughly \$12 per student. If you would like to make a donation to sponsor another student, we would be very grateful. You can make a check out to Tumwater United Music Society. Thank you for considering.

Is there anything you would like me to know about your child?

Please Describe your child's greatest accomplishment in their academic career