

SFHS SHOW CHOIR INFO PACKET

2017-2018

Welcome to SFHS Show Choir!

While we are getting started: please go to

<https://www.stfrancischoirs.org>

and find the link to fill out a google form for us to collect your contact information. It will help us help keep you informed throughout the year and competition season.

We are thrilled that you will be a part of our show choir program this year! We are looking forward to an excellent year of music making, and building friendships and community that lasts a life time.

To continue the excellence of the program and the forward progress of the groups for the coming year, we need student and parent help and commitment in the following ways. See our expectations below. Should you choose to commit to the group and all that it entails (and we sure hope you do!), sign and return the commitment form at the back of this packet.

1) **TIME COMMITMENT-**

Bridge Street Singers (BSS) and Prima Voce (PV) will meet twice a week outside of the school day on Mondays and Thursdays (PV from 4-6pm and BSS from 6-8pm). There will also be some additional choreography retreats and rehearsals scattered throughout the year, depending on clinician dates and program needs. See the preliminary calendar near the end of this packet, and keep your eye on the choir website for final schedule and updates.

<https://www.stfrancischoirs.org>

It is imperative that you attend all rehearsals and retreats. We cover a LOT of material during EVERY rehearsal, and you miss a lot if you are not able to be in attendance. We expect that you make every effort to attend all rehearsals/retreats. Should an emergency come up that might prevent you from being on time or attending in general, contact your director asap, before the rehearsal. Absences from rehearsals could result in blocking changes, or removal from part or all of the set.

Another requirement of participation in a SFHS show choir is enrollment in one of the SFHS curricular choirs.

2) **COST COMMITMENT-** There is a cost to participate in show choir, but it is worth EVERY PENNY! When you think about the experiences you benefit from by being a part of these groups, and the friendships and memories you will make over the course of the year, it's a deal ;) Next year's fees are \$500 for BSS and \$350 for PV, plus fees for overnight hotel/coach bus trips (directors will work to communicate the final charges for the

overnight fees by the beginning of the school year). The fees help cover the cost of running the show choir program in conjunction with financial help from our booster club. These fees cover costs of costumes, shoes, music, choreography, competition entry and travel, group t-shirts, etc... Other additional costs may be for a few one-time purchases such as undergarments for women (for example), and money for food on competition days.

We are asking for all fees to be paid up front, or broken down in \$100 monthly payments (beginning in August and paid on the first of each month) until paid in full. Staying on top of your fees will help us manage the costs of the program in a timely manner. Payment coupons are included in this packet to help you keep track of where you are with your payments. **Thank you in advance for your attention to this!**

Payments can be brought to Mr. Telschow's office and submitted with a payment coupon . It is best to pay with a check when possible (*write checks to SF Choir Boosters*).

2.5) Group Fundraisers -

The directors and boosters will organize and implement a few additional group fundraisers this year that will help us raise money for the group. These will be mandatory in order to participate this year. Our goal in implementing these fundraisers is to raise money for the group without expecting you to write another check out of your own pocket. Should you choose not to participate; however, you may write a check to make up the difference.

WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY.

We, as directors, are working together with the choir booster club to provide you with opportunities to raise part, or possibly even all of your show choir fees. Stay tuned to announcements on the choir website (<https://www.stfrancischoirs.org>) about upcoming fundraising opportunities that will off-set individual fees.

The directors and boosters are working towards putting a scholarship fund together to help students in need. Please talk to Mr. Telschow if you are in need of assistance.

3) **COMPETITION-** Competitions are a big part of the Show Choir program. These occur on Saturdays during the months of January, February and March. BSS will likely compete at 5-6 competitions, and PV at 3-4 competitions. These are full-day events. Block off these Saturdays on your calendars, and be ready to recover on Sunday!

4) **ATTITUDE-** If you don't like singing, dancing and working your butt off, **DON'T COMMIT!** If you like all of the above, you will have an incredible time with an outstanding group of people. Show choir is hard work; as well as, a ton of fun!!

5) **REPRESENTATION-** When you commit to being a part of one of these groups, you are also committing to represent SFHS and the choir program to the best of your ability. You

agree to follow the MSHSL rules on drug and alcohol use and agree to any consequences or loss of participation should you choose to break these rules.

Furthermore, you commit to representing yourself, the choir program, and the school to the best of your ability throughout the school year on school grounds and at competition sites.

6) PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES- Being in show choir is also a big commitment for parents! Parents of PV and BSS become active members of our choir community, and it can be as much fun for you as for your student. In order for this program to be successful, we need all parents/guardians to become involved. Parents are asked to help with our concerts, group fundraisers, competitions, and to come be our biggest fans to cheer us on at our competitions. Becoming involved in our program is essential for us to be able to offer your kids what we do, and will be really fulfilling for you as a parent. Seeing your children perform and grow is worth every hour you give, and you will have fun while you do it!

Sign ups for helping at various events will be available online (<https://www.stfrancischoirs.org>) or through email updates.

Should you have any questions or concerns, check out the booster webpage or email your director. Thank you!

Also, sign up for “remind messages” (if you haven’t yet done so)!!

For BSS: Text [@2f7b7c](https://www.stfrancischoirs.org) to [#81010](https://www.stfrancischoirs.org) For PV: Text [@4h2gg](https://www.stfrancischoirs.org) to [#81010](https://www.stfrancischoirs.org)

These messages will be intended for students, but parents can sign up too!

SFHS Show Choir General Calendar (Subject to Change)

<p>June 2017 28 6-8pm, Info Mttg</p> <p>July 2017</p> <p>August 2017 7 BSS rehearsal 6-8 10 BSS rehearsal 6-8 17-20 BSS Choreo Retreat 12-8pm (dinner provided) 31 BSS normal rehearsals begin (Mondays/Thursdays 6-8pm. Assume we have rehearsal unless otherwise notated).</p> <p>September 2017 <i>5 School Begins</i> 7 PV normal rehearsals begin (Mondays/Thursdays 4-6pm. Assume we have rehearsal unless otherwise notated).</p> <p>October 2017 9-12 BSS Choreo Retreat 3-9pm (Dinner and homework breaks provided). 19 No PV or BSS 21 PV Choreo 12-8pm 23 PV Choreo 3-8pm <i>24 Fall Choir Concert</i></p> <p>November 2017 13 No PV or BSS <i>16-19 MADS Concerts</i> 23 No PV or BSS 27 PV Choreo 3-8 28 PV Choreo 3-8</p> <p>December 2017 <i>16 Holiday Choir Concerts</i> 25 No PV or BSS 28 No PV or BSS</p>	<p>January 2018 1 No PV or BSS 5-7 PV and BSS Final Touches Retreat, Preview Performances and Possible Dinner 13 BSS Competition @ Muscatine, IA (Possible Overnight)</p> <p>February 2018 3 PV & BSS Competition @ Eau Claire, WI (Possible Overnight) 10 PV & BSS Competition @ Hastings, MN 17 PV & BSS Competition @ Waconia, MN 24 PV & BSS Competition @ Bishop Heelan (Sioux City), IA (Possible Overnight)</p> <p>March 2018 5 No PV or BSS 8 No PV or BSS 17 BSS Competition @ Mitchell, SD (Possible Overnight) 23 Post Season Showcase Dress Rehearsal 24 Post Season Showcase Shows 27 Spring Choir Concert</p> <p><i>Rehearsals/Performances for Show Choir Showcase TBD</i></p> <p>May 2018 24 Choir Pops Concert</p>
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Detach and return the coupons below with your monthly payment.

August Payment Coupon

Due August 1, 2017

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Group: BSS PV Payment Amount: \$ _____

Circle One: Cash Payment Check #: _____
(checks payable to SF Choir Boosters)

September Payment Coupon

Due September 1, 2017

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Group: BSS PV Payment Amount: \$ _____

Circle One: Cash Payment Check #: _____
(checks payable to SF Choir Boosters)

October Payment Coupon

Due October 1, 2017

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Group: BSS PV Payment Amount: \$ _____

Circle One: Cash Payment Check #: _____
(checks payable to SF Choir Boosters)

November Payment Coupon

Due November 1, 2017

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Group: BSS PV Payment Amount: \$ _____

Circle One: Cash Payment Check #: _____
(checks payable to SF Choir Boosters)

December Payment Coupon

Due December 1, 2017

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Group: BSS PV Payment Amount: \$ _____

Circle One: Cash Payment Check #: _____
(checks payable to SF Choir Boosters)

Student & Parent Commitment Form:

Please only sign this sheet after you have read and understand the expectations for students and parents laid out in this packet.

(Please keep the previous pages of this packet for your records.)

By signing this form you commit to the time, cost, and volunteer expectations as outlined in this packet. As a student you agree to be a committed and positive addition to our group. As a parent/guardian you agree to support your child's efforts and your director's efforts to make this group successful.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____