

ALLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS
PARENT INFORMATION 2019 - 2020

- **Daily Rehearsal Conduct**
- **Concert Attendance**
- **Performance Attire**

GRADES AND ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM POLICY – SEE SYLLABUS AND BELOW:

The Choir Rehearsal Process

When the bell rings, all singers are to be in the classroom going to their assigned seat with their folder of music and a pencil. Repeated tardiness and not being prepared for class will be reflected in the student's grade. Talking and other behaviors that are not part of the rehearsal process are unacceptable and harmful.

The foundation of a choir team is respect toward self, other singers and adults who belong to the choir, as well as the classroom environment. Every singer is expected to behave with great respect at all times.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones are not to be used during rehearsal. Exceptions may be made on a needs basis or in emergency situations, **ONLY IF** the student has communicated the need to the director. Inappropriate cell phone use during class will result in removal of the phone from the student for the remainder of the class period, and loss of points for that day. It will be returned to the student with a detention slip, and a call home will be made that evening.

CONCERT ATTENDANCE - Concert and dress rehearsal attendance is **MANDATORY** with the exception of family emergency or personal illness. Pre-arranged absences will be approved at the director's discretion. In any event, communication in a timely manner is extremely important! A team cannot function without ALL of its members and the integrity of the choirs at Allendale High School rests with each individual member and their participation in choir activities.

Students are encouraged to participate in sports and other school activities. Every effort is made to avoid scheduling conflicts with both rehearsals and practices and games and performances. **PLEASE KEEP THE DIRECTOR INFORMED OF ALL CONFLICTS IN A TIMELY MANNER.** The school will work out conflicts and keep the student informed of solutions. **A STUDENT OR HIS/HER FAMILY MAY NOT DECIDE WHICH ACTIVITY IN A CONFLICT TO SKIP WITHOUT THE SCHOOL'S INVOLVEMENT.**

WORK IS NOT CONSIDERED A SCHOOL ACTIVITY AND WILL NEVER BE CONSIDERED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FROM A PERFORMANCE.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

The AHS Choirs maintain high performance standards. We present our groups in the best way possible and with a great deal of self-respect. All criteria listed below applies to CONCERT PERFORMANCES ONLY, and does not extend to other performances where costumes and other outfits may be appropriate (such as Collage).

FOR ALL CHOIRS: Concert Black with Falcon Flair

Concert black can be any combination of ALL BLACK dress clothes and may include (but is not limited to) dress pants, a dress shirt, a vest, a skirt, a blouse, a sweater, a dress, a tunic, leggings, tights, etc.

- Students are encouraged to make concert black their own. The attire should be something students feel comfortable wearing in performance.
- Clothing must be dressy (NO jeans or sneakers!)
- Shoulders must be covered.
- No visible skin from the waist down.
- In the case of leggings or tights, a dress, skirt, or tunic must be worn. Leggings as pants will not be worn for performance.

Falcon Flair is any ALLENDALE RED accessory. Examples of Falcon Flair might include a scarf, a tie, a bowtie, a necklace, shoes, a headband, a belt, etc.

***Music Booster Assistance:** Any student or family in need of assistance with some or all parts of their performance attire may call on the Music Boosters for help. This organization exists to support Allendale music students, and no student should be excluded from performing for not having the proper attire. Please make any needs known to Ms. Verdonk.*

Other Performance Attire Notes:

- Hair should be pulled up and away from the face. This applies to any student who has long hair that might obscure their face when performing.
- Sparkly jewelry or any garment/accessory that would draw attention to an individual should be avoided. These items detract from the full visual effect of the group.

FORMAL PERFORMANCES:

For some performances, Select Women's Ensemble and Chamber Choir will be required to wear a school-issued uniform.

Select Women's Ensemble:

Black concert dresses with black nylons/tights/heels/flats/pumps.

Chamber Choir:

Black concert dresses with black nylons/tights/heels/flats/pumps or tuxedos with red bowties and cummerbunds, black socks and black shoes.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE IS STILL IN EFFECT
FOR ALL PERFORMANCES!**