

## VOCAL MUSIC COURSES

### 120 Freshmen Choir (meets every other day)

Two Semesters

Grade 9

The Freshmen Choir is an ensemble designed to give an overview of choral music fundamentals, styles and literature. It is an open enrollment to all incoming freshmen with no audition required. Quality 2-, 3- and 4-part compositions will be studied and memorized for approximately 4 performances per year. Sight-reading skills and basic music theory as it applies to singing will also be studied. The choir meets every other day, alternating with either band, study, powerpoint or word processing classes. Successful completion of the year-long class will enable the student to receive .5 credit. Attendance at rehearsals, district choral festivals, school, church and community events is required to receive full credit toward graduation. Robes will be issued to all members for performances; however, each member must provide their own black shoes and pants to complete the uniform.

### 121 Men's Ensemble

Two Semesters

Men in grades 10-12

The Men's Ensemble is a choir made up of men in grades 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. It is an open enrollment with no audition required. The Men's Ensemble is considered a learning choir, so therefore they will not have as many performances as other groups. However 4 or 5 performances will be scheduled and all are mandatory for full (1.0) credit and letter grades. The Ensemble will sing a variety of choral literature conducive to the changing male voice and also stress proper sight reading/theory skills. Styles such as Spirituals, Classical, Christian Contemporary, Vocal Jazz and Barbershop will be explored and performed. Robes will be issued to the members for performance; however, all members must provide their own black shoes and pants to complete the uniform.

### 122 Women's Choir

Two Semesters

Grades 10-12

This is an open enrollment choir and is also a traveling choir. The Women's Choir can expect to travel every other year, opposite the Concert Choir. Responsibility for expenses is solely up to the individual members. It is for women in grades 10-12 who demonstrate competency in proper tone and vocal technique through having at least one full year of high school choir experience prior to enrolling. Classical, Christian Contemporary, and Vocal Jazz are some of the styles that will be studied. Sight-reading and music theory skills will also be applied to quality women's literature. Approximately 8 required performances per year will be scheduled. Participation in school chapels, assemblies and musicals is expected but not mandatory for all members. Attendance at rehearsals, district/state choral festivals, school, church and community events is required to receive full 1.0 credit towards graduation. Robes will be issued to all members for performances; however, each member must provide their own black shoes and pants to complete the uniform.

### 123 Concert Choir

Two Semesters

Grades 10-12

This audition-only choir is a choral ensemble made up of only 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have demonstrated competency/ confidence in proper vocal production, tone, sight-reading, music theory and also state presence/etiquette. In order to be eligible for an audition, all members must have at least two years' experience in the SCHS Choral program and/or special permission from the director and registrar. A wide variety of choral literature will be studied each year. The Concert Choir will be expected to perform in approx. 8-10 concerts each year. Many may involve Saturdays or Sundays. All performances are required in order to receive full (1.0) credit and letter grades. Participation in musicals, chapels, special assemblies, district solo and ensemble are not required but highly recommended. Concert Choir is a touring choir, and all members will be expected to travel. Group fundraising for tours will take place on a limited basis, with the remainder of monies being raised on their own. Robes will be issued to all members for performances; however, each member must provide their own black shoes and pants to complete the uniform.

**NOTE ON MADRIGALS:** Any student wishing to audition and become a member of Madrigals must be enrolled in at least one of the Choral Ensembles that meets during the regular school day. Madrigals is a non-credit, voluntary ensemble which meets once per week for approx. 2 hours.