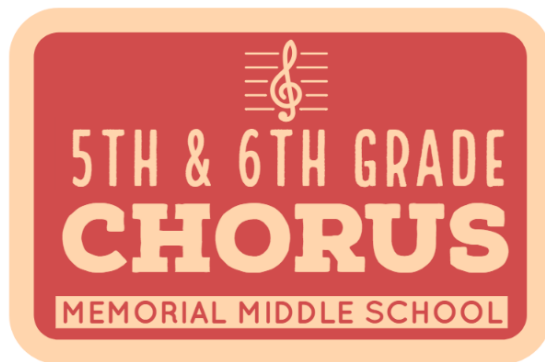


Memorial Middle School Music 2018 – 5th & 6th Grade Chorus Information



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5th & 6th Grade Chorus is a music club held during and after school. Students will learn how to improve their singing technique, read and sight-read music, sing in harmony, gain a better understanding and appreciation for choral music, and perform in a number of concerts. If you would like to join, fill out the sign-up sheet and give it to Mr. Schaefer no later than Friday, September 21st.

Rehearsal Schedule:

5th & 6th Grade Chorus meets every other Friday during 3rd period, and every other Monday after school **from 2:55 to 3:45**. During school practices are only once every two weeks so that students miss a minimal amount of class time.

Rehearsals will be held in the cafeteria. Chorus members are expected to be at every rehearsal unless a parent note or email is sent to Mr. Schaefer before the rehearsal begins. Unexcused absences will result in a lower chorus grade on the report card.

On after school days, students need to be picked up before 4:00. If you are unable to pick up your child by that time, please arrange for another chorus parent to pick them up. If your child walks home from school after chorus rehearsals, please send me a note or email.

The first rehearsal will be held on Friday, September 21st. Here is the schedule up to December:

Rehearsal Schedule – Fall 2018
Friday 9/21 – During 3 rd period
Monday 9/24 – After School
Friday 10/5 – During 3 rd period
Friday 10/19 – During 3 rd period
Monday 10/22 – After School
Friday 11/2 – During 3 rd period
Monday 11/12 – After School
Monday 11/19 – During 3 rd period*
Monday 11/26 – After School
Monday 12/3 – During 3 rd period
Monday 12/10 – After school
Monday 12/17 – “Dress” rehearsal for concert
Wednesday 12/19 – Holiday concert

**When 2nd marking period begins, during-school rehearsals will be held on Monday*

Performances:

5th & 6th Grade chorus will have several performances in December. Please mark these dates on your calendar. As of now, performances will include:

Alfred Baumann Library performance in December – Date TBA

Senior Group performance at Boys & Girls club in December – Date TBA

Holiday Concert at Memorial School – 7:00 in the Gym 12/19

Holiday celebration for Memorial School (during school) – Friday, 12/21

Grading Policy:

5th & 6th Grade Chorus is a class and students will receive a grade on their report cards. Grades will be based on these two areas:

- **50%: Attitude, effort, and participation**
Students who demonstrate a positive attitude, show good effort, participate in discussions, and come to chorus rehearsal ready to sing will receive full credit in this category
- **50%: Class preparation & attendance**
Attendance and preparation are very important. Attendance includes getting to chorus rehearsals on time with music and a pencil.

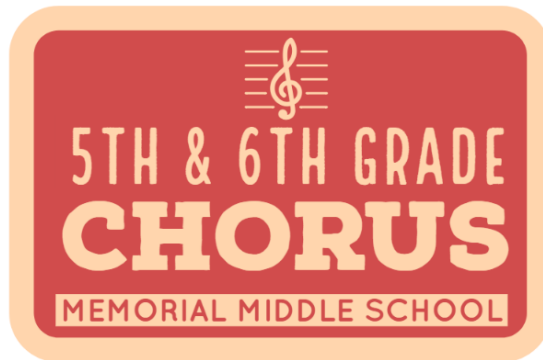
Keeping Up-to-date:

Please check the Chorus webpage and parent portal to stay up to date with concert dates, changes to rehearsal schedule, and notices for concerts and trips. To get access the webpage, go to the Memorial School homepage, click on “music” (on the right side) and click on “5th and 6th Grade Chorus”.

Signing Up:

To become a member of 5th Grade Chorus, please have a parent or guardian sign the form on the next page. Please return the form to Mr. Schaefer as soon as possible. If you would prefer to sign up online, click the “sign up online” link on the chorus webpage.

I hope to see you next Friday for our first rehearsal!



5th Grade Chorus Sign-up

Student Name: _____

I give my child permission to participate in 5th & 6th Grade Chorus. I am aware of the rehearsal schedule and concert dates. I have read the grading policy and I understand that my child needs to be picked up after school before 4:00 on rehearsal days.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent email address: _____

**a frequently checked email address will be used to share changes in rehearsal schedule, newsletters and other communication*

Home telephone number: _____

Cell phone number (optional): _____

Please return to Mr. Schaefer before **Friday, September 21st**