

**Wheeler High School Concert Choir  
Events Calendar & Course Expectations  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 22, 2018</b>	<b>NoSto Fest</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Weds. Oct. 24, 2018</b>	NYC/Broadway Field Trip: "Dear Evan Hansen"	All Day
<b>Sun. Dec. 2, 2018</b>	<b>North Stonington Tree Lighting</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Weds. Dec. 19, 2018</b>	<b>Holiday Spectacular Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 20, 2018</b>	<b>Wheeler Holiday Concert</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 21, 2018</b>	<b>Wheeler Music Holiday Tour @ NSES</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
T.B.D.	Wheeler Music @ Providence Bruins Game	2:30 PM
Fri. May 3, 2019	Adjudication & Six Flags Trip	All Day
<b>May 9, 2019</b>	<b>Wheeler Spring Chorus Concert</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Weds. June 12, 2019</b>	<b>Wheeler HS Graduation</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

**What You Need**

Come prepared with the following materials to every class:

- Pencil
- Binder or folder with provided chorus music and handouts

**Grading**

**Rehearsal Skills: 5 points per week**

This means doing everything you can to help our group succeed. Participate fully in group activities, and consistently apply the concepts we're working on in class. Help others succeed by creating a positive, supportive environment for all. If there is a reason for your low participation on any day (sickness, etc.), communicate with me.

**Written Work: 10 points**

Written work includes quizzes, projects, and music-reading activities. Most written work will relate to music literacy and self-assessment of performance.

**Singing Assessments: 20 points each**

We will assess singing in a variety of ways. These will be a normal part of daily activities, not a “big deal” event to get stressed about! You are never required to sing alone in front of others. You will be expected to sing concert repertoire and literacy exercises in small groups, or alone in a private setting. You may always retake a singing assessment, outside of class time, to improve.

### **Extension Activities**

Extension activities are a way to gain real-life experience in the arts. Every chorus member must complete one extension activity per quarter. Honors chorus members must complete three extension activities per quarter. Extension activities include:

- Perform the National Anthem at a school event
- Rehearse and perform with a chorus outside of school
- Participate in Eastern Region auditions or festival
- Create and deliver a lesson to a middle school music class
- Perform an extra piece at a concert, such as a solo or small ensemble
- Run warm-ups or rehearsal during our class
- Create the program for a performance
- Attend a musical performance outside of school
- Volunteer at a music-related event (in or outside of school)
- Attend at least 5 lunchtime rehearsals
- Write a detailed review of a choral musical work (printed score or recording) you discovered outside of class

### **Rehearsal and Performance Attendance & Etiquette: 100 points**

This is a performance-based class; our two annual school performances are **mandatory!** Conflicts with extracurricular activities, work, or transportation needs are your responsibility to resolve. Unexpected absence will be excused with a doctor’s note of illness or a parent’s note explaining a family emergency. If an absence is excused, an alternative assignment will be provided.

### **Academic Expectation: Communication**

In chorus, we will measure students’ communication skills using the school-wide rubric. The rubric will be applied to the students’ recorded singing assessments. These scores will be averaged and reported on the students’ Academic Expectations section of the report card.

### **Honors Chorus**

Students have an opportunity to take chorus for honors credit to reflect their growing achievement as musicians. The honors chorus expectations are more rigorous than “regular” chorus:

- Three extension activities per quarter instead of one
- Six literacy units instead of four

**Wheeler Chorus Contract**

**Please return by Friday, September 7**

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***“We have read and understand the expectations of participating in Wheeler Chorus. We have checked our long-term plans, and commit to attending this year’s chorus performances. We understand that the concerts are an important, required grade.”***

**Singer’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Year \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_**