



2016-2017

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Dear 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Parents and Students,

Welcome to a brand new school year! I hope you and your student have had a great summer and I can't wait to welcome you back to the classroom.

My name is Mr. Kryl and I am the 6-8 grade choir teacher here at KTEC. Throughout this 2016-2017 school year, it will be my pleasure to ensure that your students and I have a variety of new concepts to explore, and many opportunities to shape our future of learning. Music is a wonderful gift that can be carried throughout a lifetime and I hope to present that gift to your student in the best way possible. With so many ways to enjoy music, there is always a place for everyone.

Because I am new to this position, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am a graduate of Carthage College, and taught Kindergarten through fifth grade music last year at KTEC. I have had many opportunities to explore music both vocally and instrumentally, and I cannot wait for your student to have the same. I am very passionate about music and education, and look forward to working with you this year.

I will need help though. This year, I am asking you to become a partner with me; please help me ensure that the education of your student continues at home! I have high expectations for each choir, and throughout the year, we will have practice assignments and concerts to prepare for. With your help in instilling good practice habits, your student can learn and perform to the best of her/his abilities. If you ever have questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to email me at [jkryl@kusd.edu](mailto:jkryl@kusd.edu) or call the school and ask for me. I am here to help your student succeed.

I look forward to the upcoming year and am excited to see what it will yield.

Musically Yours,

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*(Cut and return this bottom portion to Mr. Kryl by September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016)*

**I have read the KTEC Choir Handbook, agree to the choir policies, and am aware of the upcoming choral events.**

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian E-mail:

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**KTEC Choir Handbook**  
2016-2017  
Mr. Kryl, Choral Director

This handbook is provided as a resource of information about the procedures and requirements for being in Choir. Please read this with your child so that you understand the policies and what is expected of your child as a member of a KTEC choir.

**Behavior/Participation:**

KTEC Choir Students:

- \* Are expected to be on time, prepared and ready to learn.
- \* Are expected to put forth their best effort and participate fully every rehearsal.
- \* Are expected to demonstrate appropriate choral posture and sit in their assigned seats daily.
- \* Are expected to respect all choral music and classroom materials at all times. Any choir music, warm-ups or materials that are damaged by your student will be the responsibility your student to replace.
- \* Are expected to be respectful of every person in the class, student and teacher alike.

All KTEC behavior expectations apply during choir. Failure to follow behavior/participation expectations may result in reduction of grade or loss of choral privileges.

**Rehearsals:**

An absence from class rehearsal can be made up for grading purposes, but in actuality, the rehearsal missed and mastery gained cannot truly be recaptured. The most successful students are those that commit to daily attendance and maximum effort. However, it is inevitable that students are absent. When students are absent, they can make up missed participation points by completing a Listening Log or Composer Log. They will be given one week from the last day of their absence to make up these points. Logs are available in the music room and will be posted on the KTEC website as well. **Your child is responsible for getting and completing this log if they are absent!**

1. Listening Log-Students will listen to a selection of music they have chosen and complete the reflection log.
2. Composer Log-Students must choose a composer and complete the Composer Log. Some ideas for composers include: Bach, Beethoven, Hayden

### **Class Materials:**

**Please have your child bring in a .5" or 1" 3-ring binder and pencil to music class as soon as possible. This binder and pencil will be kept and used in the classroom for the entire year. Your child will take his/her binder and pencil home at the end of the year.**

### **Classroom procedure**

Have your materials (binder, music, pencil and sight-reading materials) on a daily basis and move to your assigned seat upon entering the classroom. Please put away all materials in their proper place at the end of class. Each student is expected to do their part by keeping all music in their binder and keeping that binder in their assigned folder cabinet slot when not in use. **Music should NOT be taken home without teacher permission.** Not having appropriate materials or not putting them away correctly will result in the loss of participation points.

### **Grading:**

**Daily Participation:** Each present student will begin each class period with 10 participation points. Points will be taken away for not following directions, not having proper materials, not taking care of materials and not demonstrating appropriate behavior. Participation will be 50% of your child's Choir grade! Grades will be posted in Infinite Campus.

### **Homework:**

Students will very rarely receive homework in Choir. Most of the work to be completed at home will be practicing, however to meet standards, a few assignments may be given. If homework is given, it is due the next choral period unless a different deadline is stated. The only exception will be for absent students. Students will have an option to complete the assignments via

paper form or online through their g-mail account and then sent to me via e-mail. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a loss of participation points.

### **Quizzes/Tests:**

Students will take singing/rhythm tests as well as written tests. Written tests will be given on theory concepts we have learned about in class. Singing tests will be from concert music or vocal warm-ups done in class. Your child will not be forced to sing alone in front of peers. Singing tests will be done in small groups or individually apart from the class. Tests and quizzes will make up 25% of your child's overall Choir grade.

### **Concerts:**

Concert attendance accounts for 25% of your child's choir grade. Hours of hard work will have gone into preparing for this event and it is extremely important that your child is there to see their hard work pay off. Valid conflicts with the concert dates should be discussed with me at least one month in advance of the concert. I would like a written note as to why the child was unable to attend the music concert whether it is excused or unexcused. A make-up assignment will be given for any **excused** absence. Unexcused absences will result in a zero.

## **Important 2016-2017 Choir Performance Dates**

### **Winter Choir Concert**

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
@ 6:30 p.m.

KTEC West Campus in Auditorium  
REQUIRED for ALL in choir

### **Choral Festival**

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
@6:30 p.m.

Bradford High School  
Required for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade choir members

### **District Solo and Ensemble**

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Time: TBA

Indian Trail High School  
OPEN for all interested 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (optional)

### **Spring Choir Concert**

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
@ 6:30 p.m.

KTEC West Campus in Auditorium

REQUIRED for ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders