



NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Choral Music

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We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit. —Aristotle

September 3, 2020

Dear Choral Students and Parents,

This will be another unprecedented year!

COVID-19 DISCLOSURE

Choir and Band are now considered “high-risk” activities due to the spread of aerosol droplets during singing and playing instruments. We will do everything possible to maintain a safe environment, but please know that your student’s participation in choir does involve some risk, just like participating in a contact sport involves risk. It will be VERY IMPORTANT that your student follows proper health protocols IN and OUTSIDE OF school so that our choirs can remain active!

MASKS

Students will be asked to wear masks for part of their time in a choral class. Unfortunately, masks are a hindrance and a barrier to proper choral music education. THEREFORE, at some point, students will have to sing WITHOUT MASKS.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We will be spreading out in the Music Room and/or using the Auditorium for rehearsals to maintain physical distancing when necessary and possible. HOWEVER, at some point students will have to sit/stand in close proximity to each other to achieve a proper choral performance.

****If you or your student is uncomfortable with the risks involved in singing in a choir, please contact the NHS Office for a schedule change.****

PERFORMANCES – ALL TENTATIVE, DEPENDING ON STATE/LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES

Madrigals (MAD), Concert Choir (CC), and Women’s Choir (WC) are PERFORMANCE-BASED classes. Therefore, participation in ALL PERFORMANCES is MANDATORY. **Please mark the following dates on your calendar (according to your student’s ensemble).** Many of them are also listed on the school calendar, and **I expect students to plan in advance and make sure there are no conflicts.** Please avoid scheduling doctor’s appointments, vacations, or other non-school activities on these dates:

MAD/CC/WC	Thur., Oct. 8	7:30pm	NHS Fall Concert, Auditorium
MAD/CC/WC	Mon., Dec. 22	7:30pm	NHS Winter Concert, Auditorium
MAD	Fri., Dec. 11	ALL DAY	USD 309 District Mini-Tour
MAD/CC/WC	Wed., Mar. 3	ALL DAY	CKL League Festival, Tabor College, Hillsboro
MAD/CC/WC	Tues., Mar. 16	7:30pm	NHS Pre-Festival Concert, Auditorium
MAD	Sat., Mar. 27	ALL DAY	Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival, Great Bend
CC/WC	Wed., Apr. 14	TBA	State Large Group (Choir) Festival, Lindsborg
MAD?	Sat., Apr. 24	TBA	State Solo & Ensemble Festival, Andover Central
MAD/CC/WC	WED., May 5	7pm	NHS Spring Concert, New Gym
MAD	Sat., May 22	11am	NHS Graduation, New Gym

AUDIENCES AT PERFORMANCES

At this time, we ARE planning on having live performances with live audiences. Depending on the situation within our county/district/building, we may have to limit audience size for one or more of our concerts. We will make every effort to livestream concerts on Facebook to allow families and friends to enjoy our performances in person or at home.

WEBSITE

PLEASE check out our choir website: www.nickersonchoirs.org. The Syllabus for each ensemble and the Lettering Chart is available there (on the DOCUMENTS page under the HOME tab) as well as a complete Events Calendar. If you have any questions about participation, attendance, grading, or lettering, please let me know.

FACEBOOK

You can find me on Facebook as ScottLogan ChoralActivities. Please check Facebook and/or the website often. I will post documents, pictures, schedules, and special announcements frequently.

FINAL CONCERT NOTE

Please note that our year-end concert has been scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**. Wednesdays are usually off-limits, but for the past several years, we have had multiple conflicts with our Spring Concert and all of the spring sports & Forensics schedules. Please make that note on your spring calendars and let me know ASAP if it is a problem. I realize that Wednesday nights are usually reserved for church activities – which affects my family as well – but we are asking for this one night to be an exception so that we can continue to allow our students to be fully involved in spring sports, Forensics, and music.

Sincerely,

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