

**2018 – 2019**

# **Show Choir Audition Packet**

## ***Current OTHS Students***

We are so glad that you are considering becoming a part of the OTHS Show Choir Family! Anyone interested in joining Show Choir for the 2018 – 2019 school year must attend either Wednesday or Thursday to learn the dance and give a vocal audition. You are encouraged to attend both days, but not required. All students must attend Friday auditions to perform the audition dance/song in small groups. These are closed auditions. Only students who are auditioning for show choir will be allowed in the room during this time.

**Students will sign up for auditions online via the Show Choir page on [www.othschoir.com](http://www.othschoir.com). DO NOT BE LATE TO THE AUDITION. If you are unable to make one or both of the auditions dates due to a previous conflict, it is YOUR responsibility to set up a separate audition time with Mr. Price no later than Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Mr. Price via email – [pricee@oths.us](mailto:pricee@oths.us)**

### **Vocal Audition & Audition Dance/Vocals Learning Session: Wednesday & Thursday, August 15 & 16 (Milburn Choir Room) 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

During these two days students will learn the audition dance and the 4 part SATB vocals to accompany the dance. You will also perform an individual vocal audition that includes a prepared selection and a brief sight singing example. Please prepare a vocal selection that is 16-32 measures long (approximately 30 seconds). Any style of vocal music is acceptable, as long as it is appropriate. You must provide **your own accompaniment** – (piano, guitar, youtube, etc.) If using mp3 or youtube accompaniment, please have it cued to the correct spot before you enter the audition room). *You may also sing a capella.*

Most importantly, choose a song that you enjoy singing and you know will show me your full potential as a singer. Do not pick a piece that is not right for your voice type.

**Sign up for an audition slot online on the Show Choir page of [www.othschoir.com](http://www.othschoir.com)**

**You may attend either Wednesday or Thursday, but may attend both if you wish. You will perform the audition dance while singing the 4 part SATB vocals from memory on Friday.**

### **Dance Audition: Friday, August 17 (Milburn Auditorium) 3:30 – 5:30pm**

***3:30-3:45: SATB Vocals Recall***

***3:45-4:00: Dance Recall/Practice time***

***4:00-5:30: Dance Auditions***

We will only recall the dance and vocals, not teach them again. If you do not attend, you will not be considered for the group. Be sure to wear fitted, comfortable clothing and shoes that are easy to move and dance in. **NO BARE FEET or SANDALS ALLOWED** (flip flops included). Please keep 3:30 – 5:30 open that day in the case you are called back after everyone has done their initial dance audition.

*Results will be posted on the choir website ([othschoir.com](http://othschoir.com)) on **Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**.*

# Important information on the

## 2018-2019 OTHS Show Choirs

### PLEASE READ PRIOR TO YOUR AUDITION:

DO NOT AUDITION FOR SHOW CHOIR IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO FULLY COMMIT TO ALL REHEARSALS AND COMPETITIONS. EVERY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO PRACTICE INDIVIDUALLY EACH WEEK TO ENSURE GROUP REHEARSAL TIME IS USED EFFECTIVELY. IF YOU DO NOT INTEND ON PUTTING YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO EVERY REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE, BRING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AT ALL TIMES, AND BE A TEAM PLAYER, THIS IS NOT THE ACTIVITY FOR YOU. WE ARE ONLY LOOKING FOR TALENTED, HARD WORKING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A PASSION FOR SINGING AND DANCING. (If this is YOU, read on!)

Show Choir is an extracurricular choir that serves as the public ambassador for an extensive choral program at O'Fallon Township High School. It is the goal of Great Expectations to provide the highest quality of vocal music and dance education for its members, while continuing to uphold its reputation as an excellent performance ensemble. Students get the opportunity to work with professional clinicians and choreographers, and all members of the show choir will travel to competitions during the spring semester. We strive to create a sense of 'FAMILY' amongst those involved with show choir, and it is vital to the group's success that everyone works cohesively with one another.

*A more detailed schedule of rehearsals and performances will be distributed at the mandatory parent meeting on August 21st in the Milburn Campus Choir Room.*

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS** is a highly selective and competitive mixed show choir that consists of freshmen – senior girls and boys. All members of Great Expectations will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances, and should anticipate a high level of time and commitment to the group's success. Rehearsals will take place every Monday from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Milburn campus. One the event that Monday is unavailable, we will reschedule for the Tuesday following. Members should also expect to commit several additional weekends in January – March for the competition season. Extended or extra rehearsals might be added when the group has to accommodate a visiting choreographer, or prepare for an upcoming performance or competition.

*Past awards include Grand Champion, Best Choreography, Best Vocal Sound, and Best Show Design.*

***In order to ensure that the vocal quality of the group is of the highest caliber, every show choir member MUST be enrolled in a curricular choir class for the 2018 – 2019 school year.***  
**ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE THIS YEAR.**

**FEES:** Great Expectations is not only a time commitment, but a monetary commitment as well. **The fee to participate in show choir for the 2018 – 2019 School Year is \$600 in addition to a \$150 school activity fee enforced by OTHS.** Do not let the participation fee scare you away! Although our fees are quite low compared to that of other OTHS extracurricular activities (and especially other show choirs), there will be an expectation for each member to pay their dues *on time*. Dues for each show choir will be paid in monthly increments, and payment coupons will be provided upon acceptance into a group. *Please note that if a student is accepted, there is a \$100 deposit due to secure a spot, and the first installation of fees will be due in early September.* **AS IS ESTABLISHED SHOW CHOIR POLICY, NO STUDENT WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ACTIVITY FOR REASONS OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.** *All fees must be paid in full by December. We will do everything in our power to help establish a payment plan to make this possible. We also offer a show choir scholarship that will be awarded to a select group of applicants.*

**FUNDRAISING TO COVER THE COST OF FEES:** The choir boosters, the O'Fallon Choral Risers Association (OCRA) organize several fundraisers throughout the year that students can participate in to raise money for their individual student accounts. In addition, **OCRA has also developed a scholarship fund solely for students who need assistance with show choir related costs.** Applications will be made available after the deposit is paid. We are also open and willing to establish a smaller, customized payment plan if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Price should you have any concerns.

**PERFORMANCES:** Great Expectations will be performing at several choral concerts, fundraisers, and competitions. Competitions are full day commitments and will take place on several Saturdays in January, February, and March.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** ACTIVE PARENT PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IS MANDATORY. It is expected that parents assist with 2 – 4 fundraising events in order to maintain the sustainability of the program. In addition, throughout the year we need carpenters, seamstresses, chaperones, etc. to help us make our show the best it can be. In addition, every parent must work at least 2 shifts at our annual O'Town Showdown Show Choir competition. Show choir competitions are exciting events and we would LOVE to see you come out and be our cheering section when we compete. If you've never been exposed to show choir, you're in for a wonderful surprise! This is a highly talented, motivated and loveable group of entertainers.

**CONTRACT AND HANDBOOK:** If you are selected as a member of GREAT EXPECTATIONS, your parents and you will sign a contract stating you understand and agree to meet the obligations for membership. Details regarding schedules, fees, and other important information will be outlined to the fullest extent in the contract and handbook.

# OTHS SHOW CHOIR AUDITION REGISTRATION FORM

*To be turned in to Mr. Price at the vocal audition on Wednesday/Thursday.*

**PLEASE PRINT.**

Student Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: 9 10 11 12

T – Shirt Size: YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL

Do you have any singing experience? Y or N

If you answered yes, please list any choirs, performances, voice lessons, etc. you have participated in.

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Do you have any dance experience? Y or N

If you answered yes, please list the number of years you have danced for, and what styles you have studied.

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Parent/guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_ (very important to receive info over the summer)

***“I have read this packet in its entirety. I have reviewed the expectations for the audition process and for being a member of the OTHS Show Choir Program. If selected to be a member of Great Expectations or Innovations, I promise to fulfill these obligations and expectations to the fullest extent for the 2018 – 2019 school year.”***

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* A parent AND student signature are required in order to audition and be considered for the 2018 – 2019 OTHS Show Choir. \*\*\*\*\*

*Do not fill out this portion of the form – for the use of the audition judges only.*

*This needs to be brought to your vocal audition along with your registration form.*

## SHOW CHOIR JUDGES SCORE SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Year In school:    9    10    11    12

Vocal Part:        Soprano            Alto            Tenor            Bass

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DANCE (25 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Accuracy:

Style:

Rhythm:

Energy:

Facials:

VOCAL (25 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Pitch Accuracy:

Projection:

Tone Quality:

Diction:

Emotional Involvement:

CHARACTER (# of pts to be subtracted) \_\_\_\_\_ (5 points total)

DANCE \_\_\_\_\_ + VOCAL \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ / 50

