

2019 – 2020

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 2019 – 2020, MUST attend both of the auditions dates listed below. The first day of auditions will consist of learning and dancing choreography, and the second day will consist of vocal auditions only. 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. 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 Friday, May 3rd. You can contact Mr. Price via email – pricee@oths.us

Dance Audition: Monday, May 6th (Milburn Auditorium) 3:30 – 5:30pm

3:30 – 4:15: Learn choreography

4:15 – 4:30: Practice time

4:30 – 5:30: Dance Auditions

Starting at 3:30, you will be taught a short, 16 – 32 bar routine that you will later use for the audition. You MUST attend and learn the routine to be performed for the choreography audition at 3:30. If you do not attend, you will not be considered for either group. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes that are easy to move and dance in. NO BAREFEET 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) on **Friday, May 10th**.*

Vocal Audition: Tuesday, May 7th (Milburn Choir Room) 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Vocal auditions will be conducted in 3 minute slots, and will be done individually. Please prepare a vocal selection that is 60 seconds or less. If the song you would like to sing is longer than 60 seconds be sure to select only a portion of that piece. Any style of vocal music is acceptable, as long as it is appropriate. You must provide **your own accompaniment** – (piano, guitar, CD, youtube, etc.) If you use a backup track (CD) and need it to start somewhere besides the beginning of the song, be sure to tell us *exactly where to start the song* before you audition (know the track and second count on a CD). If you are using youtube, you must have your device cued to exactly where you would like to start, and you must have a headphone port or dongle of your own.

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. You are allowed to leave *after* you audition.

Important information for the 2019-2020 OTHS Show Choir

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.

IF SELECTED, YOU MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY CAMP August 5th – 9th, 2019
FROM 9:00am - 4:00pm AT THE MILBURN CAMPUS.

Those who audition will have the potential to be selected for our award winning show choir:
Great Expectations.

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. On 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 2019 – 2020 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 2019 – 2020 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 Tuesday.

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.

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.

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 2019 – 2020 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 Dance 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

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