

GROVE SINGERS

AUDITION PACKET

I am so excited that you are interested in the Grove Singers! We have a busy 2019-2020 year planned, and I am sure that we will have more added to our schedule as opportunities arise. Please read through this packet carefully. This will help you understand the time and monetary commitment necessary for the Grove Singers.

IMPORTANT AUDITION INFORMATION

Auditions are **JULY 30th from 3:00-5:00pm**. Track 3 students that are unable to make the July 30th audition date need to contact Ms. Hengler and arrange an audition PRIOR to July 26th.

You **MUST** sign up online at www.hgmschorus.weebly.com. Click the link to sign up and fill out the Google Doc. The audition time slots will be emailed out on Friday, July 26th.

- Auditionees are expected to have the music MEMORIZED AND POLISHED. On the day of audition (July 30th) you will sing your selected piece from memory and sing a few other vocal exercises to determine vocal tone, range, and agility.
- On the day of their singing audition, all singers should submit a **brief** essay explaining why they wish to be a member of Grove Singers. The essay should also include the following information: prior singing experience, arts background, what you hope to gain, what you can offer the group, etc.

If you receive a callback, you will be notified via email by 7pm on July 30th. Call backs will be July 31st from 3:00-5:00pm. The GROVE SINGERS final list will be posted no later than August 1st on the chorus room door and on the Chorus website.

FAIR SHARE MONEY

If students are accepted in to Grove Singers, they will each be responsible for a “fair share” fee that is \$100. Students will be able to choose to pay it in full, pay it in installments, or fundraise the money and pay the difference at the end of the year. This fee is essential for all members and is used to purchase music, t-shirts, dinner before concerts, music festival fees, etc.

CONCERT ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS

ALL GROVE SINGERS will need the following outfits for formal performances. This helps us to look very professional when we perform.

- Female attire: <https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/dresses/swing-dresses/69-style-s3786gn.html>
(Red on Red)
- Female Shoes: Black character shoes
- Male Attire: <https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/menswear/value-packages/55-4-pc-package.html>
- Male Shoes: Black Dress Shoes

Each GROVE SINGER will also be required to have the GROVE SINGER t-shirt. The t-shirt will be purchased from the fair share money. We will establish a design and price out the shirts. I will also price out hoodies, sweat pants, tanks, shorts, etc. Those items will be available for you to purchase and are optional.

COMMITMENT

GROVE SIGNERS will run from the end of July - May. Please make sure that you are communicating with me when you will not be at rehearsal. Dancers who do not come to rehearsal for any reason may be pulled from or not included in a concert or piece of music, depending on the circumstances. GROVE SINGERS is an ensemble. When one person is missing it affects everyone. Rehearsals and performances are expected to be a priority. We will meet every day during K-9 time. Grove Singers are expected to attend K-9 at a minimum 3 days a week. Students should get their agendas pre-stamped on Friday of each week. Students who are not attending K-9 a minimum of 3 days a week may be pulled from or not included in a concert or piece of music, depending on the circumstances. We will also hold rehearsals every Tuesday afternoon from 3-4:30pm. This will allow us to practice with everyone. If you are tracked out, you are expected to attend 2 out of 3 of the Tuesday afternoon rehearsals during your track out. Please make every effort to be at those rehearsals. You are not required to attend the K-9 rehearsals during track out.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Once the singers have been selected, I will send home a parent volunteer survey. There are many ways that you can be involved in the GROVE SINGERS. We are in DESPERATE need of a parent or parents who can help us run the Holly Grove Middle Chorus Booster Club. We also need parents who can serve as fundraising chairs. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions please email me.

TRIPS AND PERFORMANCES

We will audition for Pieces of Gold in the fall. Grove Singers are expected to be available to perform at all concerts or games (to sing the National Anthem). We have been invited to perform in Disney April 1-6. We will be performing our Spring Benefit Concert repertoire. For a good performance, we need all Bulldog Dancers in attendance. Being unable to attend the trip will not necessarily keep you from being in Bulldog Dancers, however we do ask that you make this performance a priority and do everything possible to attend. It is a great honor for our school and our program to be invited to perform. We need to know at the time of auditions whether you can attend the trip so that we can plan accordingly.

STAYING IN TOUCH

I hope this gave you the information you needed to understand the commitment level required for the GROVE SINGERS. I look forward to seeing all of you at auditions! This is going to be a great year full of MUSIC!

Communication is the key to success. You can reach me by several methods:

Email: mhengler@wcpss.net

School Phone: 919-567-4177 (main office)

Please feel free to contact me at any time. Email is the best way to reach me quickly.

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