

Show Choir Handbook


2014-2015

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Concerts/Competitions

We host our own competition (Silverstage) and will be traveling to competitions throughout January and February. All parents are asked to help with our competition (Silverstage) and are encouraged to attend the "away" competitions.

At competitions:

- Homeroom doors will be locked at all times except when students are changing.
- Boys will change in one room; girls, in another.
- All show choir students will sit together as a group and watch all performing groups when not eating.
- Students are required to stay for the duration of the competition day. After the competition day is over, students may ride home with their own parent(s) only.
- Any student who violates the extracurricular code will be dismissed from show choir for the remainder of the season. This includes receiving failing grades in a quarter.

Duties

Each show choir member is part of a team and the entire team works together until the set-up or takedown activity is completed. Students found not helping with the duties may be subject to dismissal from the group without warning.

Calendar

You have been given a calendar for the entire show choir season. (This was mailed to your home. A copy is also included in this packet). **All absences need to be communicated well in advance. Dance camp absences will not be tolerated unless arrangements are made ahead of time with the director.** Also, it is very possible that we will be invited to perform shows for local businesses, and you will be notified if the invitations arise.

IMPORTANT: If there are any changes to the calendar, you will be notified via e-mail* to check "ANNOUNCEMENTS" on the MG Sings Website (www.mgsings.org).

*Please contact Amy Guenthner (mgsingsinfo@gmail.com) if there are e-mail address changes, corrections, etc.

Communication

The success of any group or relationship depends largely upon the communication of its members. If you have a conflict, try to resolve it early. *Do not wait until the last minute or after the fact to explain your absence(s).* Directors (as well as coaches) are more likely to help you with conflicts if they are presented **well in advance**.

Attendance Policy

The most valuable contribution students can make to show choir is their presence at rehearsals. It is a privilege for students to be in show choir, and they must make a commitment to have consistent and punctual attendance. Students are expected to arrive at rehearsal **fifteen minutes** prior to the start of practice for set-up. It is expected that members hold a high priority to the show choir rehearsals if they want to remain in the group. Students are allowed three absences for the entire season, September-March. If a student arrives fifteen minutes *after* the scheduled starting time, they will be recorded as absent. **Absences are not recorded as excused or unexcused unless the student has an athletic competition that day.** If you have an athletic practice at the same time as show choir, which is unlikely, please see Mrs. Nahirniak well in advance so we can make special arrangements with both groups. **After the third absence, a meeting will be held with the student and his or her parent(s) to determine a possible dismissal from the group.**

PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR DIRECTOR PRIOR TO REHEARSAL IF YOU WILL BE MISSING.

Attitude

Attitude is the key in making this experience successful for you. What you get out of your participation is a product of the attitude you bring and the effort you exert. Your attitude has an impact on those around you.

Respect

Respect from others is a reflection from what you give. Support one another in all efforts, both during and outside of performances. In a group, you are only as good as the person next to you.

Unity

Show choir will provide lifelong memories and some of the best friendships a student will have throughout his or her high school career. One of the ways to achieve this is through **unity**. All members are to treat one another with the utmost respect. There is no “star player” or “starting five.” Together we create a successful group. Students are also expected to conform to the group. Although we promote individuality, we will not tolerate students who are a distraction to the rest of the group with their clothes, hair, appearance, or behavior. Any students who exhibit these distractions may be subject to dismissal. At competitions boys are expected to be clean-shaven with hair cut above the eyebrows. Girls will have hair pulled half-back and off the forehead, with big curls in the back. No body jewelry or visible tattoos are permitted.

Rehearsal Attire

Rehearsal attire must adhere to the school dress code. Boys and girls should wear shorts and the required rehearsal t-shirts, along with tennis shoes. No student will be allowed to practice in bare feet, sandals, boots, or platform shoes. Dance shoes used for the show should also be brought to each rehearsal. New warm-up suits will be available for order at the end of September.

Show Choir Fee

The show choirs are not fully funded by the district. The booster club pays for uniforms, props, music, some competition fees, transportation, and choreography. **The booster club has a set fee of \$200 for Silver Dimension, \$225 for Silver Connection, and \$100 for Show Band. (There is a \$25 deduction for the second child in a family.)** Please let me know if this is a hardship. It will be kept completely confidential, and we will find a sponsor for you. **Please understand that these fees help to defray the costs of costumes, props, instruments, professional arrangements, professional choreography, transportation, and all dry cleaning expenses.** The fee does *not* include dance shoes, socks, nylons, or food costs when at a competition. If a student loses any portion of his or her uniform, he or she will be billed for the replacement cost. Costumes for members will be ordered or sewn *after* the booster fee has been paid. If the booster fee is not paid, the student will not perform. **(Checks should be made payable to MG Sings and can be paid in two installments due on September 1 and October 1.)**

Parental Help & Fundraisers

Much of the show choir success is due to the amount of help that parents do. **Each family is required to work approximately 12 hours during the show choir season.** This breaks down to about 8 hours at the competition we host on February 21, 2015 (Silverstage) and 4 hours at our annual Spaghetti Dinner (date in March TBD).

Our major fundraisers are **Butter Braids** and gas cards **Kwik Trip and PDQ**. See separate handouts.

Forms

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| MGHS Activity Code | All show choir members who are <i>not in a fall sport</i> —along with their parents—must sign the MGHS Activity Code. The entire Code of Conduct packet can be found within the school Website.
Note: p. 33 of the packet (attached) needs to be signed and turned in to the main office. |
| Show Choir Contract | Members & Parents: Please read through the show choir handbook with your child and have it signed by the first day of dance camp (July 29, 2013). |



MONONA GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY CARD

Dear Parent/Guardian:

SPORT _____

This authorization will help assure that your child will begin receiving emergency medical treatment should he/she have a broken bone or other non-life threatening situation, and you are not able to be contacted to authorize medical treatment for your youngster. Please fill out the lower portion and have your son/daughter return to his/her coach so they can keep this information on file at practices and games in case of an emergency.
Thank you for your cooperation.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AND TREATMENT

I authorize school personnel to transport my son/daughter to a physician's office and/or emergency room for treatment in the event that emergency medical care is needed while he/she is involved in either co-curricular or extra-curricular activities. Further, I authorize the PHYSICIAN and HOSPITAL STAFF to treat my son/daughter as they deem necessary in the emergency situation.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ YEAR IN SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME # _____

EMERGENCY # _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT _____ DATE _____

In case of an emergency WHO should we reach and WHERE? _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Insurance company you have a policy with: _____

Insurance policy number: _____

Preferred hospital/clinic: _____ Doctor: _____

2. Is your son/daughter presently taking any medication? _____

If yes, please list here: _____

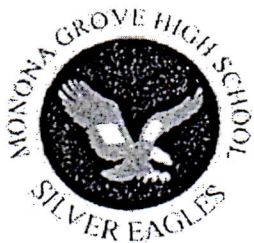
3. Is your son/daughter allergic to anything? _____

If yes, please list here: _____

I, _____, have read the show choir handbook and reviewed the schedule/calendar. I understand that I am required to be at rehearsals and will communicate early with my director if I have an absence. I agree to give my best effort in show choir and will abide by all show choir and extra-curricular rules. Failure to do so can result in my dismissal from show choir.

Signed,

(student signature) _____ date _____



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND INFORMED CONSENT

Warning of Physical Risk:

We, acknowledge that our son/daughter may sustain injury while participating in athletics and under the supervision of Monona Grove High School and its staff even though proper and safe coaching techniques are implemented or utilized.

We understand the term "injury" includes a scope of mild, moderate, severe, and/or catastrophic physical ailments, harms, wounds, or consequences that may result from normal and natural participation in athletics.

We realize that it is necessary for our son/daughter to report promptly to the coach/advisor/athletic trainer any signs or symptoms of any physical distress, as well as to act in a responsible manner at all times, in order to minimize the risk of receiving any injury while participating in the athletic program.

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK/INFORMED CONSENT FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT: I realize there is a possibility that my child may suffer severe injury, including permanent paralysis or death, as a result of participation in athletic activities. I have read, and understand this information.

Parent: _____ Student: _____ Date: _____

ATHLETIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARENT TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBILITY FORM:

I understand that my son/daughter will be participating in an athletic or extra-curricular activity(s) in which practice or actual events may take place at various site locations, other than at the school building of attendance, and that scheduled time for practice as well as events may vary. I agree to be fully responsible for the transportation of my child to any location for practice or events as scheduled. I understand that the school district has no liability for such transportation and I accordingly agree that in the event of an accident or injury that I will not file a claim against or sue the Monona Grove School District or its officers, agents, employees, or representatives as a result of such transportation.

In addition, I understand that the school district will provide vehicle transportation to athletic and extra-curricular contests held outside the school district except those held in Madison and McFarland. My son/daughter will ride in the vehicle the team to and from competitions when such transportation is provided.

Parent: _____ Student: _____ Date: _____

