



Big Hollow Junior Singers



Contract

5th grade Big Hollow Middle School students are welcome to join choir each quarter or for the entire school year. The **dates** according to the 2011-2012 quarters are as follows:

Quarter 1: Rehearsals begin the week of 9/19 and the Choral Festival is 10/27.

Quarter 2: Rehearsals begin the week of 11/1 and the Winter Concert is 12/15. We will also be caroling for the community in December.

Quarter 3: Rehearsals begin the week of 1/9 and the Band / Choir Concert is TBD.

Quarter 4: Rehearsals begin 4/9 and the Spring Concert is 5/15. We will be participating in a competition through the Music in the Parks program affiliated with Six Flags Great America.

Refunds will not be issued! Activity fees provide each student with a choir t-shirt, sheet music, and an accompanist for all concerts. Scholarships are available if needed. Please let me know if you are need of a scholarship, and I will issue you a scholarship application. The Fine Arts Boosters and I firmly believe that every student should have the opportunity to participate in all activities, so please do not hesitate to ask.

Rehearsals are from 2:45 – 4:30 p.m. on most Mondays. Please arrange a ride for your child after every rehearsal at **4:30 p.m.!** If you child will be riding home with another parent, you must send a note to the office. Students must have bike/walk forms turned in to the office in order to walk or ride a bike home from choir rehearsal. If a student misses more than 5 rehearsals in one quarter, they may not be able to participate in the performance. Please commit to the group and plan on attending all rehearsals.



As with most after school activity participation...

- Students must maintain a C average and should not be failing any classes.
- Appropriate conduct is expected at all times. Disrespectful behavior towards other students during rehearsals will not be tolerated
- Your voice is needed!!! Please plan on attending all rehearsals. If you are unavailable to attend a rehearsal, let me know in advance in person, by phone, or by email.

Schedules will be uploaded onto the Big Hollow Middle School website. Simply click on the **Activities** icon, scroll down to **Performing Arts**, and the information will be displayed. I will not be handing out paper copies of the schedules unless you request one.

Attire for concerts will change throughout the school year. Typically, the students will be asked to wear black pants or an appropriate-length skirt and black shoes. Preferably, jeans or gym shoes should be avoided. We will change the colored top according to season.

Choral Festival – October: choir t-shirt

Winter Concert – December: white, red, or green top

MIOSM Concert – March: TBD

Spring Concert – May: bright-colored top

I am so excited to begin directing this new choir at Big Hollow Middle School! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns at anytime throughout the school year.

Thank you!!!

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