

# Mount Doug Secondary Choir 2018-2019

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*“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words  
and that which cannot remain silent”*

*Victor Hugo*

## Goals:

- To establish and reinforce healthy vocal/musical techniques and skills.
- To recognize, understand, and apply structural elements of melody, harmony, rhythm, and form from both the standpoint of performer and listener.
- To improve the use of expressive elements such as dynamics, phrasing, and tempo.
- To develop a sense of fulfillment, responsibility, and pride in quality performance.
- To expand interest and knowledge of repertoire and performance practices from a variety of regions, time periods, languages, and cultures.
- To cultivate a sense of identity, pride, group spirit, and improved self-image through participation in a successful performance ensemble.

## Evaluation:

- Class Participation 30%: Participation in all warm ups, activities, and rehearsals
- Concert Attendance / Behaviour 30%: Concerts and festival performances are equivalent to final exams. Expectations: appropriate attire, stage manner, and participation in set up and take down
- Written/Vocal Assessments 20%: Ear training and individual vocal assessment
- Classroom Assignments 20%: Theory and other written assignments

**Regular Rehearsal Schedule: Tuesdays 7:20 to 8:25 and Wednesdays 3:20-4:50**

**Teacher Collaboration Days (Rehearsals 8:30-9:50 instead of early morning):** Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 27, Dec 18, Feb 26, Mar 12, Apr 30, May 28, Jun 11

\*Please note: if you know there will be regular scheduling conflicts at these times, it is recommended that you do participate in choir this year.

## Performances and Special Events Schedule

Oct 30	String Concert	7 PM	Mt Doug
Nov 8	Fall Concert	7 PM	Mt Doug
Nov 9	Remembrance Day	11 AM	Mt Doug
Nov 14	Night of Jazz	7 PM	Mt Doug
Nov 15	Fifth Street Performance	7 PM	Belmont Secondary (3041 Langford Lake Rd)
Dec 5	Choir at Kensington	3:30 - 4:30 PM	The Kensington (3965 Shelbourne St)
Dec 19	Holiday Concert	7 PM	Mt Doug
Feb 20	Choir at Kensington	3:30 - 4:30 PM	The Kensington (3965 Shelbourne St)
Feb 23	Choral Collaboration	9 AM - 3 PM	Belmont Secondary (3041 Langford Lake Rd)
Mar 7	Festival Concert	7 PM	Mt Doug
Apr 25-28	Cantando Music Festival		Whistler, BC
May 29	Choir at Kensington	3:30 - 4:30 PM	The Kensington (3965 Shelbourne St)
Jun 6	Year End Concert	7 PM	Dave Dunnet Theatre (2121 Cadboro Bay Rd)

\*Dates and times subject to change

# Classroom Expectations

**Attendance:** Attendance is ESSENTIAL in this course. A missed rehearsal will result in loss of participation points. Students must make up any written classwork, if applicable, upon their return. Missed rehearsal time can be made up by sending a personal recording of the missed content to Mrs. Johnson. **If you are sick or must miss a rehearsal, please contact Mrs. Johnson prior to rehearsal.**

**\*\*Extra help/make up tests from other teachers will be considered an unexcused absence.**

**Please schedule extra help/make up tests at times other than choir class\*\***

**Don't be late:** A short written assignment will begin many classes. Show up late and risk losing a few marks for missed work.

## Concert Attendance:

As a member of a performing ensemble, concert attendance is MANDATORY! Mark all performances on your calendar.

## Personal Growth:

- Improve each day. Don't ever settle for mediocrity.
- Enjoy the process. Many of our goals will take time. Do your best, but be patient.
- Follow instructions to the best of your ability. Don't give up and don't get frustrated if you don't get it right away!

## Habits to build – Choices to make:

- Arrive with music and pencil by the rehearsal downbeat.
- Do not talk out of turn. Ask questions by raising your hand.
- Check your posture regularly whether you are sitting or standing.
- Display focused silence and follow your part when other sections are rehearsing.

## Classroom Contributions:

- Be respectful of the director and your classmates at ALL TIMES.
- Take part in all activities - we all participate fully and as a team.
- Be supportive of one another - choir is a safe space where we can be ourselves and make mistakes.

## Classroom Policies:

- No gum. **This will be strictly enforced.**
- **No candy, food, beverages, including coffee, in rehearsal rooms. However, WATER is encouraged.**
- No headphones, iPods, or other electronic items in rehearsal rooms. **Cell phones must not be visible!**
- No shoes in the dance studio.
- Students must pay for any lost or damaged music (\$3 per). At the end of the year you will be asked to return the music with your assigned number on it.
- If you are ill and cannot sing, discuss with the director *before* class. **If you are well enough to attend other classes, you are well enough to attend choir, even if you cannot sing.**

## Uniform:

Remember, the point of a uniform is that we all look like one unit. A choir sings as one united voice and we aim to look united in the way we dress. Let's look sharp! Uniform is all black, including:

- black dress pants or skirt (please do not wear tights only!)
- black three quarter length or long sleeved shirt or collared dress shirt
- black dress shoes (and black socks, if applicable)
- black dresses welcome (no sleeveless). Please wear tights/nylons if dress or skirt is above the knee