

HBMS Select Chorus 2018-2019



Thank you for your interest in Hawthorne Brook's Select Chorus for 2018-2019. The Select Chorus is an auditioned chorus that runs from the first week of December to the first week of April. Rehearsals and concerts do not conflict with band or the spring play. We will rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 in preparation for a concert at HBMS and the MICCA festival the first week of April.

Select Chorus is new for this year. So what is Select Chorus?

- **Select Chorus will make you a better singer.** We will learn so much vocal technique that you will be amazed how much better you can sing in April than you do now. Even if you are a really good singer already.
- **Select Chorus will make you a better musician.** I played in band before I joined chorus. Band helped me read music really wonderfully, but I learned how to be a musician in chorus. Chorus taught me how to create a beautiful phrase, and what I needed to do to take notes on the page and make music from it.
- **Select Chorus will expand what you think your voice can do.** Your range will expand. You will be able to create beautiful vocal harmonies.
- **Select Chorus is challenging.** Most people can sing along with a recording. But creating pure sounding vowel, clear diction, complex harmonies take focus and hard work. You will be amazed at what we can do with our voices.
- **Select Chorus is safe.** It is filled with other students at HBMS that have a common goal to create beautiful music. In Chorus, you are never alone. Even if you have a solo, the entire ensemble is there to support you. Chorus creates one sound with many voices.
- **Select Chorus is friendship and memories.** Some of my most cherished memories in school was in Chorus, Band, and the Musicals. We worked hard, but we also laughed and had fun. The students in those groups help guide me through school, and surrounded me with a safe and positive experience. I still hold on to those memories today.

Songs:

For MICCA, we have to prepare three songs. A good friend of mine (whose middle school chorus received a gold medal a few years ago, suggested a Folk Song, a song in Latin, and a Spiritual. Each will be able to showcase different aspects of singing technique and group blend. I have listened to literally hundreds of pieces and have narrowed it down to a few selections from each. Listen to them on the HBMS Select Chorus website and we will decide as a group at our first rehearsal. If we learned these three well, we could add some other songs for our HBMS concert.

Commitment:

At each rehearsal, we will work on technique and music. It is important that you are at every rehearsal that you are scheduled and are ready to work hard. It wastes others' time if we need to review something from previous rehearsals. We will have sectionals some days, so you will not be needed at every rehearsal listed below. On the sign-up sheet, please indicate what rehearsals you cannot attend, so I can adjust the schedule as needed.

Auditions:

Prepare a song selection 1 minute or less, to be sung acapella. Any song is ok, but I am looking to hear good tone quality and musicianship, so I suggest folk, classical or musicals. If you can't decide on a song, the national anthem is always great. You will also be required to sing a few warm-ups that I will teach you so I can hear your vocal range.

Select Chorus Season Tentative Schedule 11/19/18

November

26	27 Auditions 2:30 - 4:00	28 Auditions 2:30 - 4:00	29	30
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December

3	4 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	5	6 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	7
10	11 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	12	13 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	14
17	18 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	19	20	21 TBD Lunchtime concert at senior center

January

	1 NO SCHOOL	2	3 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	4
7	8 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	9	10 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	11
14	15 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	16	17 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	18
NO SCHOOL	22 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	23	24	25
	29 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	30	31	

February

4	5 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	6	7	8
11	12 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	13	14 Singing Valentines Fundraiser during lunch	15
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
25	26 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	27	28	

March & April

4	5 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	6	7	8
11	12 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	13 ½ Day	14 ½ Day	15
18	19 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	20	21 Rehearsal and Clinic with Shannon Leighton 2:30-5:00	22
25	26 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	27	28 Performance @ NM. (with NMS?). Clinics with Mrs. Blake Time TBD 2:30-5:00?	29
1	2 Rehearsal 2:30-4:30	3 Concert 7:00 PM Singers arrive at 5:00	4	5
				Sunday 7 MICCA Competition!! Band is on Saturday

Select Chorus Sign-up Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade ____ T-shirt size YL S M L XL

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Parent/Guardian Emails: _____

Parent/Guradian Mobile Numbers: _____

Do you want texts of update sent through Remind App: Yes No

(you don't need to download the app; I download it and it just gets sent to your number)

Rehearsal Conflicts:

Look over the rehearsal calendar and write any potential conflicts. If you have to leave any rehearsals early, please indicate that as well. Please be as *detailed* and *thorough* as possible.

Parents! We need your help. Going to MICCA is an great experience, but expensive. We need help fundraising, as well as organization for the concerts and events.

Please circle any and all of your interests and skills. Feel free to rank them!

→Fundraising Chair/Co-Chair

→Fundraising Help

→Baked goods/concessions for Wednesday April 3 Concert

→Concessions Chair/Co-Chair

→Box Office/Ticket Sales

→Chaperone March 14

→Chaperone March 21

→MICCA Chaperone: ***all day*** Sunday April 7

Other skills? Write 'em down! _____

Questions about certain positions? Email me at mday@nmrsd.org

I have reviewed the information carefully with my parent/guardian and understand the requirements and commitment for participating in Select Chorus

Student Signature

Date

I have reviewed the information carefully with my child. We both understand the requirements and commitment for participating in Select Chorus.

The Rehearsal Conflict section is as complete and accurate as possible.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date