



*Shepherd Hill Regional High School*  
*Visual and Performing Arts Department 2011-2012*

**Course:**      **Concert Choir**

**Level:**   **None**

**Teacher:**   **Ms. Galli**

**Credit:**   **.5**

**Room:**      **Auditorium**

**Course Description:**

Concert Choir is a mixed (SATB) performing ensemble dedicated to the preparation and performance of quality choral literature from a variety of periods and styles. The emphasis throughout the year will be on developing individual and ensemble singing skills, musicianship and technique. In addition, fundamentals in music theory including musical terms, score reading and sight-singing will be studied.

**Student Learning Expectations:**

8 - The Shepherd Hill student demonstrates an understanding of culture and the arts.

**Texts/Materials:**

- ♪ Choral literature from a variety of periods and styles
- ♪ “Let’s Get Started” sight singing series
- ♪ Drill and practice software, and audio files available at [shepherdhillchorus.com](http://shepherdhillchorus.com) for part learning

**Assessment/Grading Policy:**

Grades will be based on the following:

- ♪ Class participation
- ♪ Notebook/folder
- ♪ Written/aural tests and quizzes
- ♪ Computerized Performance Assessment Rhythm Quizzes
- ♪ Fundamental singing skills – posture, breathing, tone production, diction  
(Note: evaluation in this area will be based on improvement/growth and not ability)
- ♪ Attendance at all events outside the regular school day  
(A legitimate excuse – at the director’s discretion – must be communicated by phone or in writing by a PARENT / GUARDIAN PRIOR TO the DAY of the event)

**Classroom Procedures/Requirements:**

- ♪ The chorus is open to any student with a desire to sing. A majority of class time will be spent singing. Participation in all class activities is required.
- ♪ Students should come to class prepared – all music and a pencil must be brought to each class/rehearsal in a folder. Failure to bring materials to class will negatively impact student grade.
- ♪ Students are responsible for learning their individual parts. The Chorus web site ([shepherdhillchorus.com](http://shepherdhillchorus.com)) features a practice page where you can listen to individual parts. Internet access is available in the music area before and after school and during direct studied. (Bottom line – there is no reason for being unprepared for class) Students will be evaluated individually in this area.
- ♪ A successful choir is built on a spirit of cooperation and respect. Behavior that has a negative impact on the group or rehearsals will not be tolerated.

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♪ Concert Choir is a co-curricular activity. Rehearsals and performances are scheduled outside the school day. Attendance at all events is **REQUIRED**. Every attempt is made to avoid conflicts with other Shepherd Hill activities (sports, band, student council, etc.) Dates will be posted at least one month in advance so you can give employers ample notice of needed time off.

**Behavioral Expectations:** Students involved in Concert Choir should:

Be Respectful and Cooperative:

- Contribute to a positive classroom atmosphere
- Respect the abilities of your peers – listen to your section leaders
- Do not interrupt rehearsal by talking or otherwise distracting others
- Be prompt – be ready to begin active rehearsal when the bell rings

Be Responsible and Productive:

- Bring all music, sight-singing materials and a pencil to each class
- Give your best effort at all times
- Be attentive to the rules of good singing – posture, diction, intonation, musicianship
- Participate fully in all class activities
- Come to class prepared each day – learn vocal parts as assigned

Follow School Rules and Teachers' Expectations:

- Keep food and drinks (except water) out of the auditorium
- Do not chew gum in rehearsal
- Remain focused on the director/section leader throughout class

**\*Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Signature indicates receipt of course syllabus.**

To publicize music dept. events, your child's picture may be published in the newspaper or on the web site for public viewing. Your signature below will give the music dept permission to use your child's photograph for publicity in the 2011-2012 school year.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parents - Notices and schedules distributed to students in class can be emailed to you as well. Please complete the information below to be included on our email list.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

May we share your contact information with the Music Parents Association? Yes / No

*The Music Parents Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Shepherd Hill cafeteria. To enhance the music experience for all, the organization hosts various events throughout the year. Your input, participation and assistance are gratefully appreciated.*

**Website: [shepherdhillchorus.com](http://shepherdhillchorus.com)**

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