



## **Concert Choir Handbook 2019-20**

Welcome to Concert Choir! I am very excited that you have chosen to be part of this class at Forest Hills Eastern. I believe that this will be a great experience for all involved.

Parents, your involvement in our choral program is vital for having a successful year. There are many opportunities for parents to participate. You may choose to help with our Choir Boosters, fundraisers and/or chaperoning choir concerts. You may also choose to be a choir booster's donor. These funds pay for music, festivals, clinicians, instruments, trips, etc. A donation slip is attached to this packet. Your attendance at concerts is also very important, not only to support your son or daughter, but also to share in his or her hard work and progress.

Please carefully review the attached information and sign the Agreement Form at the bottom of this page. Your child needs to bring the agreement form back to class, signed, no later than Tuesday, September 3.

For more information about events, contact, private lessons, study guides, etc., please visit our choir website at:

[www.fhechoirs.com](http://www.fhechoirs.com)

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have throughout the semester. I look forward to an outstanding season!

Sincerely,  
Paul Boelkins

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Forest Hills Eastern Concert Choir 2019-20

**Detach and return this portion of the agreement form by Tuesday, September 3.**

I have read and understand the contents of the handbook.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly in order to receive choir updates and information)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **CLASS EXPECTATIONS:**

- Come to class on time with proper materials.
- Treat all members of the ensemble, including visiting instructors, substitute teachers, special presenters, section leaders, peers and teacher, with courtesy and respect.
- Demonstrate an attitude conducive to learning through teamwork, full ensemble practice and sectionals.
- Stay on task throughout the class period.
- Refrain from speaking out of turn, or engage in any other behavior that could be a distraction to teacher, self, and others.

## **ATTENDANCE**

It is expected that all students attend and be on time for every choir function. Absences and frequent tardies from daily rehearsals and/or performances will adversely affect student grades.

## **UNIFORMS—HIGH SCHOOL**

Fall:

Choir T-Shirt on top. Jeans/Black Pants/Khakis on the bottom. Comfortable shoes.

Winter through Spring:

Eastern High School Choirs will be provided:

Women:	Skirt	Men:	Tuxedo Pants
	Velvet Blouse		Tuxedo Jacket

Every member is responsible for making sure his or her uniform is clean and pressed for each performance. Uniforms must be returned at the end of the year or the student is responsible for the purchase of a new uniform.

## **GRADING**

### **Daily Participation 40%**

This includes being on time for class, demonstrating a positive attitude, having music and pencil each day, demonstrating correct posture, being on task, showing courtesy toward others, having no gum/food/beverage (except water), and abiding ALL classroom expectations.

### **Performance Grade 30%**

This includes timeliness, wearing proper uniform, demonstrating professionalism and concert etiquette. The only absence that is dismissed is a family emergency or an extreme illness. Notify Mrs. Blink as soon as possible if an absence is necessary. A phone call from a parent or guardian is required. If one concert is missed without prior notification, the student will receive zero points for his or her performance grade.

### **Written Work 15%**

This includes class work, homework and projects.

### **Test/Quiz Grade 15%**

This includes performance quizzes or written tests and quizzes. Subjects will cover IPA symbols, key signatures, musical terms and symbols, music history and quartet performances.

## Concert Choir 2019-20 Events

September	10	Choir Boosters Meeting – Optional	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
	24	Music Fundraiser Kick-off (Snap Raise)	In Class	
October	<b>2</b>	<b>Fall Choir Concert</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fine Arts Center</b>
November	12	Choir Boosters Meeting - Optional	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
December	<b>12</b>	<b>Winter Choir Concert</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FHE Auditorium</b>
January		No Events		
February	11	Choir Booster Meeting - Optional	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
March	<b>26</b>	<b>Choral Gala</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FHE Auditorium</b>
April	14	Choir Boosters Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Location: TBA
May	<b>14</b>	<b>Spring Choir Concert</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FHE Auditorium</b>

**\*Performances are in bold and are mandatory\***

\*Students need to arrive to performances a half hour before the concert starts for a vocal warm-up, arrangement, and short rehearsal\*

**\*\*Parents, please mark these dates in your calendar. Thank you.**

# FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS

The FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS is a parent organization that supports our students who are in choir at Forest Hills Eastern. We provide chaperones for trips, festivals and concerts. We raise money for guest clinicians, sound equipment, instruments, instructional software, music, busses, food and much more!

Meeting Dates: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Location: TBA  
September 10, November 12, February 11, April 14

The FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS officers are:  
President: Connie Culhane  
Treasurer: Cathy Calvneau  
Secretary: Deb VanderMyde

The FHE CHOIR BOOSTERS plays an important role in the choir's success. Your generous support will help us continue to provide the opportunities that make choir so rewarding and valuable.

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## **FHE Choir Boosters Donation Form**

Parent Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you would like to appear in programs)

Student's Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

- Sponsor \$300
- Benefactor \$200
- Patron \$100
- Friend \$50
- Member \$25

Donation checks can be payable to FHE CHOIR. You may give checks to Mrs. Blink at school or:

Mail to: Forest Hills Eastern  
Attn: Emily Blink  
2200 Pettis  
Ada, MI 49301

Thank you for your generous contribution!