



# **HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR DEPARTMENT 2010 – 2011 HANDBOOK**

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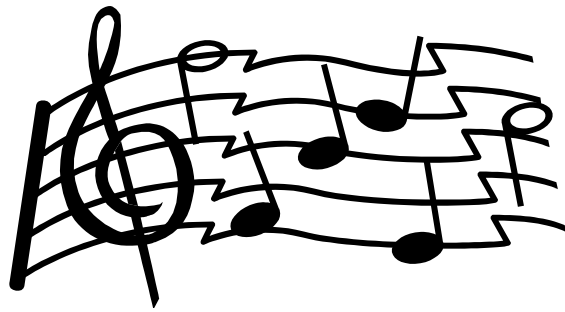
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***\*Forms need to be turned in to Mrs. Van Slyke by Friday, September 10, 2010.***



# WELCOME TO HERNDON CHOIR!

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Welcome, all new and returning chorus students! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for the 2010–2011 school year. I have planned an exciting program of concerts, musical theatre, trips, festivals, and other events for you.

This year you will continue to work on musicianship, vocal technique, sight singing, and ensemble and solo performance. You also will have opportunities to audition and perform in district and state honors choirs, as well as school-wide musical events such as our Broadway Cabaret and our fall musical, *Fiddler On the Roof*. We'll add movement and a little musical theatre to our repertoire for the end-of-the-year Pops Concert. In the spring, students who wish to participate will travel to Disney World for our spring competition trip!

I am excited to see you and start our music making! Get ready to work hard!

Let's get started!

1. Please read the 2010–2011 Choir Handbook.
2. Please read, fill out and return the following three forms:
  - ***Herndon High School Honor Code Student Response Form (pg. 5)***
  - ***Costume Rental and Activity Fee Form (p. 8)***  
(Bring this form and fee to costume pick up - see p. 7)
  - ***Parent/Guardian Contact Information Form (pg. 11)***

Return all forms by **Friday, September 10**. You can also print these forms on the Choir website. **[www.herndonchoir.com](http://www.herndonchoir.com)**

3. Get acquainted with the Choir Calendar (pg. 6). A significant part of each student's grade depends on participation at all concerts.

I look forward to great music making this year!  
Hope to see you at our Ice Cream Social!

*Ms. Van Slyke*



# Herndon Choir Syllabus

Instructor: Dana Van Slyke  
Room: 142

## COURSE TITLES

Vocal Jazz, Concert Choir, Madrigals, Herndon Chorale, Heatwave Show Choir

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**(928015) Vocal Jazz:** This class is designed to meet specific needs and/or interests. Class meets outside of the regular school day. Content includes study of jazz literature, rehearsal, and performance techniques. Performances and rehearsals, both in and out of school, may be required.

**(926015) Concert Choir:** Beginning level students will participate in a chorus of mixed voices. Emphasis is placed upon correct vocal performance techniques through the singing of appropriate choral literature. Rehearsals and performances, both in and out of school, may be required.

**(928915) Madrigals:** Students are offered advanced choral experiences for mixed voices. Emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and proficiency in ensemble performance. Course content includes a study of choral literature, vocal techniques, and sight-singing. Based on successful completion of sequential concepts for each level, students will continue as specified in course level. Rehearsals and performances both in and out of school are required.

**(928916) Herndon Chorale:** Students are offered advanced choral experiences for women's voices. Emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and proficiency in ensemble performance. Course content includes a study of choral literature, vocal techniques, and sight-singing. Rehearsals and performances both in and out of school are required.

**(929615) Heatwave Show Choir:** Students are offered choral experiences in a variety of musical genres. Emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and proficiency in ensemble performance. Course content includes a study of appropriate literature, vocal techniques, and choreography. Rehearsals and performances both in and out of school are required.

**GRADING:** Student grades will be determined as shown.

Quarter Grades	
Rehearsal Techniques	30%
Required Concerts & Auditions	40%
Content Preparation	30%
Final Grade	
Quarter 1	25%
Quarter 2	25%
Quarter 3	25%
Quarter 4	25%

Symbols	Scale	Quality Points
A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
F	Below 64	0.0

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

It is important that each student arrives on time, maintains good attendance, and remains on task in order to master the course material and techniques.

- Tardies and unexcused absences will be handled in accordance with FCPS attendance policies.
- If you are absent from any part of the school day you may not participate in the after school concerts or rehearsals that day. If it is excused you may be given a chance to do a make-up assignment.
- If students are participating fully and to the best of their ability, if their attendance at rehearsal is consistent and they demonstrate a full knowledge of what the group is performing musically and what their section is responsible for during the performance: that would earn an A.
- If they demonstrate basic knowledge but only as a follower: that would warrant a B.
- If they are unprepared and do not know their part well enough to perform it even in a group: that would earn a C.
- If their attendance is inconsistent and/or they do not participate fully in rehearsals and, therefore, do not know the performance material: that would warrant a D or failure.
- If they are not present at the concert they receive a 0 test grade. If it is an excused absence they are given the chance to type a critical review paper of the concert after reviewing the video. The credit given for this assignment will only make up for 75% of their grade and cannot fully make up the lost performance experience. If they simply fail to show up, they receive a 0 with no chance of make-up.

## **TAGGING on FACEBOOK, or other social media sites.**

Never tag other people in photos or videos of Herndon Choir concerts and events. Identifying others, besides yourself, creates the potential for privacy violations, and could require us to eliminate pictures and videos at concerts. You may tag yourself.

## **HONOR CODE**

Please make sure you are familiar with the honor code, as all students will be expected to abide by it.

### **Herndon High School Honor Code**

“As a student at Herndon High School, I am committed to behave honorably. I will not lie, cheat, steal, or plagiarize, and I will not enable others to do so.”

# HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CODE

## Student Response Form

### Herndon High School Honor Code

“As a student at Herndon High School, I am committed to behave honorably. I will not lie, cheat, steal, or plagiarize, and I will not enable others to do so.”

In addition to the HHS Honor Code, I will also refrain from tagging others in photos or videos of Herndon Choir concerts or events.

**Sign and return to Mrs. VanSlyke by Friday, September 10, 2010.**

Please sign below if you have reviewed the choir handbook (pgs. 1-4), and fully understand the content and expectations of this course and agree to abide by the Herndon High School Honor Code in my class, and if you agree to refrain from tagging photos or videos of HHS choir concerts and events. Please turn in this form when you pick up your costume or as your first assignment next class period.

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Student Name

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian e-mail address

# 2010-2011 Herndon Choir Calendar

Some dates are tentative. Please check the website for calendar updates. [www.herndonchoir.com](http://www.herndonchoir.com)

## August

31-9/2 Vocal Jazz Camp at HHS

## September

2 Costume pick-up, 6-8 pm, choir room  
3 Costume pick-up, 10 am – 12:30 pm, choir room  
3 HHS Choirs Back to School *Ice Cream Social*, 1-2 pm at HHS  
TBA Workshop and Auditions for HHS musical, *Fiddler On the Roof*  
13 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
29 Back to School Night – Madrigals sing

## October

TBA District XII forms and fees due, *For anyone auditioning*  
2 Senior Honors Choir audition trip to Longwood Univ. *Registered seniors only*  
11 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2nd Monday)  
13 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner at HUMC  
**19 Fall Sampler Concert, 7:30 pm, All choirs**  
23 *HOMECOMING*

## November

6 District choir auditions at Woodlawn High School. Required for Chorale and Madrigals, optional for all other choir students  
8 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
12-14 Fall Musical, *Fiddler On The Roof*, 7:30 pm  
18-20 State Honors Choir for selected Seniors  
22 Cabaret Auditions (open to all HHS students)

## December

6 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (1st Monday)  
**13 Winter Choral concert, 7:30 pm, All choirs**

## January

10 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
**20, 22 Broadway Cabaret, 7:30 pm**  
**27, 29 Broadway Cabaret, 7:30 pm**

## February

10-12 District XII Chorus for selected students, Herndon, HS  
10 All-State Choir Auditions – Juniors and Seniors at District Chorus  
14 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
24 or 25 TBA **Pyramid Concert, 7 pm, Select Choirs**

## March

14 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
**17 Pre-Festival Choir Concert, 7 pm**  
19 District XII Choir Festival, location, time TBA– required for Chorale, Vocal Jazz and Madrigals  
23-27 Spring Competition Trip to Disney World

## April

11 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2nd Monday)  
13 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner at HUMC  
28-30 All State Choir, Selected Junior and Senior choir students

## May

9 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
**17 Pops Concert, 7 pm, All Choirs**

## June

6 Choral Awards Banquet, 6:30 pm, HHS Cafeteria, All students and families welcome  
13 Choral Booster Meeting, 7 pm, choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)

# CHOIR COSTUME PICK-UP

2010-2011

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Madrigals, *Herndon Chorale*, \*Vocal Jazz,  
**CONCERT CHOIR** and **Heatwave Show Choir**

**Pay your \$50 activity fee (first ensemble) and  
Pick up Your Costume in the Choir Room  
Before School Starts**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept 2</b>	<b>Costume Pick-up</b>	<b>6 - 8 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>Costume Pick-up</b>	<b>10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>

Activity fees are due at costume pick up. The activity fee for the first ensemble is \$50. The activity fee is \$40 for each additional ensemble after that. Please make **checks payable to Herndon Choral Boosters**, or email Mrs. VanSlyke at [Dhvanslyke@fcps.edu](mailto:Dhvanslyke@fcps.edu) if other payment arrangements need to be made.

**Pick up early to save money!**  
**Late fees per ensemble charged after 9/4**

Late fee as of 9/4 = \$ 5  
Late fee as of 9/11 = \$ 10  
Late fee as of 9/18 = \$ 15

## **EVERYONE NEEDS TO...**

**Fill out the "Costume and Activity Fee Form" on the next page and  
bring it with your payment to pick up your choir costume(s).**

Checks should be made out to Herndon Choral Boosters.

**\*Vocal Jazz men should come to the costume pick-up to be measured for their shirts.**

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# WELCOME HHS CHORAL BOOSTERS

The Herndon Choral Boosters is the support engine of the HHS choirs. As a choir parent, you are a member of this organization. We appreciate the efforts parents have made in supporting the Herndon Choir program by serving as ushers, selling concessions and flowers, creating programs, maintaining costumes, managing the website and more. We appreciate Choral Booster's support at fundraisers, serving as committee chairman or chaperoning on trips. Each volunteer really makes a difference.

Once again we ask you to please consider where you might be available to volunteer this year. The Volunteer Coordinator will keep you informed of opportunities to help out. Please consider joining us for our monthly meetings. The Choral Boosters meet the second Monday of each month in the HHS choir room at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

## Volunteer Opportunities:

### Hospitality at Concerts

- Sell concessions at a concert
- Sell flowers and gift candy before a concert
- Sell spirit stickers during intermission at a concert

### Directory Volunteer (September)

- Enter data into computer
- Print choral directory
- Folding, collating and stapling

### Concert Volunteer

- Ushering for a concert
- Set construction for Cabaret
- Set break down at a concert

### Choir Trip Chaperone (March)

- Spring Trip to Disney World

### Cheesecake Delivery (February)

- Assist sorting cheesecake orders during school hours

### Booster Social (date TBD)

- Committee member

### Wardrobe Maintenance

- Assist fitting and distributing concert attire (Aug/Sept)
- Assist collecting wardrobe attire (June)
- Sew or repair wardrobe or costumes

### Choral Banquet (June)

- Committee member

### Refreshments or Meals for Guest Ensembles

- Provide goodies, water, food for visiting ensembles
- Provide housing for guest ensembles

### Photo / Video Volunteer:

- contributing pictures for website
- video tape a concert for Mrs. VanSlyke to use as a teaching tool in the classroom

Choir parent representative, plan in school class party or bring in a fun treat!

- Madrigals
- Concert Choir
- Herndon Chorale
- Vocal Jazz
- For Men Only
- Show Choir

### Miscellaneous:

- I may be available to help in areas as needs arises

# **2010-11 CHORAL BOOSTER ORGANIZATION**

Supporting the HHS Choir Department under the direction of Dana VanSlyke

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Julie Frederickson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Melanie Miller-Cvilikas
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Kristy Freeman
Secretary	Gillian Gaver
Treasurer	Kara Rider

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD Chairman**

Awards Banquet	Michelle Tierney
Booster Social	Sally Lyver
Cheesecake Fundraiser	Beth Czerwinski
Communications	Sarah Farmer
Concert Programs	Patti Kelly
Concert Flowers	Beth Czerwinski
Concert Gift Candy	Diane Overton
Concessions	Amy Peterson
Costume Coordinators	Terry and Melissa Miller
Directory	Kathy Morgan
District Choir Chairman	Melanie Miller-Cvilikas
House Manger	Janice Jewell
Ice Cream Social	Sally Lyver, Kristy Freeman
Ornament Fundraiser	Kristy Freeman
Photographer	Melanie Miller Cvilikas / Adrian Morgan
PTSA Liaison	Kara Rider
Scholarships	Kathy Morgan
Spirit Gear	Cathy Rosenquist / LeAnne Anies
Spring Trip	Barbara Ramey / Jackie Thomas
Stage Manager	Jerry Vandenberg
Videographer	Open
Volunteer Coordinator	Cathy Harvey
Webmaster	Nina Falci

# Parent/Guardian Contact Information Form 2010-11

(Return to Mrs. VanSlyke by Friday 9/10/10)

Parent or Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian e-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student e-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**Chorus** (If you have more than 1 student in chorus, please indicate which student is in which choir.)

\_\_\_ Madrigals \_\_\_ Concert Choir \_\_\_ Herndon Chorale \_\_\_ Show Choir \_\_\_ Vocal Jazz

★ We will publish the above information in the 2009-10 Choral Directory, unless you indicate here. We do not publish email addresses or student phone numbers.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Publish

## Providing Enrichment Opportunities

***Have you attended a HHS choir concert and enjoyed the special effects of lighting, creative props, and the talent of our fantastic accompanists and percussionists? Have your kids worked with a guest clinician or a visiting choir? Have they attended a special workshop or traveled to perform? All of this is possible because of the generous financial support of our Choral Booster Members. It is through the support of parents like you that Mrs. VanSlyke has the resources to enrich the choir program in such wonderful and varied ways.***

Each year we invite Choral Booster members to make a financial contribution to support the HHS choirs. This helps Mrs. VanSlyke provide opportunities for her students that would otherwise be unavailable. If you choose to make a donation, please make your check payable to **Herndon Choral Boosters**. Checks can be given to Mrs. VanSlyke or mailed to the Choral Booster treasurer, Kara Rider:

Herndon Choral Boosters  
c/o Kara Rider  
1635 Hiddenbrook Dr.  
Herndon, VA 20170

To show appreciation, the Choral Boosters will recognize members for the following levels of support:

\$35	Contributor	Thank you!
\$50	Patron	Name published in the fall program
\$75	Silver	Name published in all programs
\$100	Gold	Name published in all programs, one free Cabaret Ticket
\$125	Platinum	Name published in all programs, two free Cabaret Tickets

We hope you will join us in supporting the excellent choir program at Herndon High School. If you have any questions, please contact Herndon Choral Booster President **Julie Frederickson**: [president@herndonchoir.com](mailto:president@herndonchoir.com). Herndon Choral Boosters Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. For tax purposes, a record of your tax deductible donation will be available on the choir website.

