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**Notre Dame Catholic School Choir**

Mrs. Rebecca Parker

## **Syllabus**

The objective of this course is to glorify God through music by way of performances within Notre Dame Catholic School and the Wichita Falls community.

### **Contact Information**

Parents/guardians may contact me by calling the main number at the school (940)692-6041, or by emailing me at [rebecca.parker@ndcswf.org](mailto:rebecca.parker@ndcswf.org)

### **Course Material**

Each student will be given sheet music for rehearsals, concerts, and special events.

Items such as folders must be kept in excellent care. Failure to do so will result in the student covering the cost of a new item.

Each student must have a pencil for each rehearsal. Borrowing a pencil will result in one point lost for participation that week. Unfortunately, **no sharing will be allowed this year.**

### **Classroom/Rehearsal Etiquette/Expectations**

Rehearsals should be taken seriously. We are here to have fun; however, we are here for a common goal, and that is to make music together in pursuit of perfection, to glorify God. At all times, students should give their best effort. Failure to do so will result in points lost for their daily participation grade.

### **Behavior Expectations:**

- Be in your assigned seat, quiet, with your folder and sharpened pencil, ready to begin rehearsal BEFORE the tardy bell rings.
- Talking should be kept to a minimum. During rehearsal, if your section is not singing, please follow along and silently studying your part.
- Please be kind and respectful to peers, teachers, and guests.
- **Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are not allowed in the choir room.**
- Take care of the choir room and all equipment and materials. The piano is off limits to students without permission.
- Remain in your seat throughout class. All personal needs should be taken care of before the bell rings. This includes restroom, Kleenex, materials, and water. Remain in your seat until the choir director (not the bell) dismisses class.
- When in doubt, remember the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

### **Behavior Consequences:**

- Student/Class warning
- Demerit issued
- Office referral
- Parent email

**Note:** Severe offenses will automatically result in a detention and an office referral.

## **Practice/Homework**

Practicing is required for this course. There is no set amount of required practice; however, excellence is expected. Other homework will be assigned as needed.

## **Singing Evaluations**

Students will be evaluated on the music we are performing and concepts we are learning in class via group singing. Evaluations will consist of the following:

- ° Excerpts from the music being worked on in rehearsal
- ° Musical concepts being learned (posture, breathing, sight singing, etc.)
- ° Sight singing

## **The Christmas and Spring Concerts are the semester exams for this course.**

### **Concerts**

There are two mandatory concerts scheduled for this school year.

**Thursday, December 10th – 6:30 PM**

**Thursday, May 6th – 6:30 PM**

Students are to be in the Choir Room exactly 30 minutes prior to concert time. Any student who misses the concerts listed above without a valid and pre-approved reason will receive a failing grade for the course.

### **Extra Credit**

Please contact me if you feel that you would benefit from extra credit

**RenWeb** is used to send email reminders to parents and for grading purposes.

### **Point Breakdown**

Weekly Participation – 25 points

Other homework assigned as needed – 25 points

Group singing evaluations – 50 points

Performances – 100 points

*Grades are posted and updated weekly on RenWeb*

By signing this paper, I agree that I have read the syllabus and understand everything stated on the preceding pages.

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Student's Signature

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Date