

Select Choir Program:

- Students who have been chosen for the select choir program automatically assume the responsibility of their position. All students are expected to follow school policy and grade requirements. Any students failing to do so may result in instant removal of the select choir programs.
- Rehearsals are a major attribute to the success of any performing group. Absence from any rehearsal requires a pre-excused note and discussion with the director. Missing a rehearsal without explanation may result in removal from the performing group. Also, please **DO NOT** schedule appointments during rehearsal time.
- There are select choir shirts available for all students and parents who wish to support the choral program. Call Mr. Kruger or a parent leader for information in regard to purchasing music department supplies or apparel.
- All select choir parents will receive information about joining the music boosters club and are encouraged to participate in activities throughout the year.

Mixed Vocal Jazz/ Female Vocal Jazz:

These select choirs are designed to introduce jazz, pop, and Broadway music to vocal students. These groups are chosen by audition in the spring of the previous year. Vocal Jazz is a select and professional group of approximately 14 singers. Vocal Jazz will perform at local activities, for community groups, competitions, and at district and state solo/ensemble. All performances are required for all members selected. The female Vocal Jazz group is new this year, it concludes of about 15 girls.

Show Choir:

This program is designed to introduce students to the art of performance through music and dance. Students are chosen through auditions. Students who have been chosen for Show Choir are encouraged not to participate in any winter sports or activities as there is little time left in between rehearsals and competitions. The Show Choir attends a minimum of four competitions throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to be involved as well!

Musical

To participate in the musical, students must be enrolled in a music class. Auditions will take place sometime during January. Schedules will be given out after roles have been decided. Students may participate in the following: choir or character roles, pit orchestra, lights, sound, special effects, costumes, make-up, promotion, tickets, painting, set construction, props, stage management, and assistant directing.

Staying Healthy Throughout the Year

The school year can be very tiring on high school students both vocally and physically. Here are a few tips on how to avoid getting sick and what to do if it happens:

*Rinse your mouth EVERY DAY with Listerine. This kills excess bacteria in your mouth that can cause canker sores, sore throats and a variety of unpleasant colds

* Taking a vitamin everyday helps build the immune system and will help prepare your body to fight off a sickness should one occur. **LOTS OF VITAMIN C AND IRON!!**

*Make sure during the rough season you are getting plenty of sleep. Teenagers need up to nine and quarter hours of sleep every night, especially when very physically active.

* Make sure to stretch well everyday. This gives your body the chance to become awake so you don't physically and yes, vocally injure yourself during rehearsals.

*If and when you get a sore throat, do NOT whisper. Whispering makes your throat hurt more and does a lot of damage. The best cure is to just lay low for a few days (as in not talking) and drink hot water with honey and lemon added to it.

*If you are really sick, don't try to be a super hero, talk to Mr. Kruger and go see a doctor.

We become a pretty tight- knit group over the school year, especially if you're involved in many of the select choirs and extra curricular activities. We are together extremely often so if you get sick and don't do anything about it, then we all get sick. So please, stay healthy.

Parent Handbook:

First of all thank you for encouraging your student to participate in the lifelong process of making music. It is my goal to give each student the best musical experience as I can in the time period that they are with me. Second, there are some things you can do to help the program.

1. Never ground your student from a rehearsal. You might think that it is a good punishment for you child; however, you are punishing the other students as well.
2. Please do everything you can do to not schedule doctor/dentist appointments on rehearsal times. We need all students at every rehearsal.
3. There are a number of music camps throughout the summer for all levels of musician, please consider sending your student to one.
4. If you need to get a hold of me please e-mail first at:
tkruger@mayville.k12.wi.us, second: call me at 920-387-7960 ext. 148.

As many of you know rehearsal end times can vary, please be prepared to be flexible with the end of reh