

Description of Chorus Activities

ALL STATE CHORUS

- WHO?** Any 9th – 12th grade chorus students are eligible. Up to 32 students may audition. 12 females and 20 males.
- WHAT?** 7 weeks of intense musical training during lunch to prepare for the all-state audition process. The best HS musicians travel to Tampa to sing high quality choral literature under the direction of a reputable guest conductor.
- WHERE?** Tampa, Florida
- WHEN?**
- Study Sessions: August 29 – October 19 11:25 – 11:55 Monday – Friday; October 16 at 1:00 at Leon HS
- Musicianship Test: September 19 3:00PM Lincoln HS
- Sightreading Test: September 22 3:00PM Leon HS
- Vocal Audition: October 20 8:30 – 12PM THUMC
- FMEA All-State: January 12-16 Tampa, Florida
- WHY?** The audition process is a rigorous one, but those students who are selected to participate have found it extremely rewarding and have demonstrated superior knowledge of music and musical skills, have become better musicians, have enjoyed the learning process with their chorus friends, and have made many new friends. Going to all-state is the highest honor you can receive in HS chorus.
- HOW?** The students must pass the Musicianship, Sightreading and Vocal Audition to become eligible. Based on their cumulative rank of all 3 scores as well as their rank within the state, Chiles is given a certain number of seats in the all-state choruses.

ACDA HONOR CHOIR

- WHO?** Any 9th-12th grade chorus student
- WHAT?** High School students throughout the state of Florida audition and are selected solely on vocal quality.
- WHERE?** Seminole Community College, Lake Mary, Florida
- WHEN?** November 3-5, 2011
- WHY?** This year's choir will be conducted by Dr. Jeffery Redding of West Orange High School. The choir will perform masterworks with full orchestra as part of the final day of the FL-ACDA Conference on November 5. The repertoire will be Haydn's Te Deum in C, Handel's Coronation Anthem Zadok the Priest, and Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus.
- HOW?** Students will submit a recording with Mrs. Biddlecombe of the example given to them in class that they have been practicing with the online practice files at www.flacda.org and submit it. Students are chosen on how they sing and thus where/if they will fit in the ensemble. More information about this can be found at www.flacda.org and click on Honor Choir link.

FALL CONCERT

- WHO?** ALL chorus students are **REQUIRED** to participate.
- WHAT?** Chiles Fall Concert
- WHERE?** Chiles High School
- WHEN?** October 11th at 7:00 PM
- WHY?** This is an opportunity for friends and family to hear something of what students have accomplished the first quarter in their chorus class.

WINTER CONCERTS

- WHO?** ALL chorus students are **REQUIRED** to participate.
- WHAT?** Chiles Combined Holiday Concert
- WHERE?** Chiles High School
- WHEN?** December 12 and 13 at 7:00PM
- WHY?** This is an opportunity for friends and family to hear music from all music disciplines at Chiles including chorus.

ALL MALE CHORAL FESTIVAL

- WHO?** All Chorus Men
- WHAT?** The 5th Annual Leon County All Male Choral Festival. All male singers in all the middle school and high school choral programs in Leon County will be participating in this all day event. Also with special appearances by local college male choirs as well.
- WHERE?** Chiles HS
- WHEN?** January 31, 2012
- WHY?** To learn from college men about what it's like to be in a choir in college. To help educate middle school boys about what it's like to be in chorus in high school. To get to know men from other local high schools who sing in chorus. Also, it's a really awesome educational day for the guys that they talk about for months to come.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS

- WHO?** Open to all students at Chiles
- WHAT?** *Bye Bye Birdie*
- WHERE?** Chiles
- WHEN?** January 23-25 from 2 - 9
- WHY?** Students will have the opportunity to be a part of a full musical production at Chiles. The camaraderie of a show is unparalleled. This gives our students an opportunity to experience that and the thrill of the stage at the same time.

MASTERWORKS CONCERT

- WHO?** **Chiles Singers, Belle Chantique and Chamber Choir** are **REQUIRED** to participate
- WHAT?** Masterworks concert combining the talents of members of the Chiles Chorus and members of the Chiles Orchestra.
- WHERE?** Chiles High School
- WHEN?** March 12, 2012 7:00PM
- WHY?** Students will sing beloved classical music with our award winning orchestra.

CHORAL MPA FESTIVAL

- WHO?** ALL chorus students are **REQUIRED** to participate.
- WHAT?** Choral Music Performance Assessment. This is our equivalent of FCAT.
- WHERE?** Chiles HS
- WHEN?** February 23-24, 2012
- WHY?** Students perform in a positive concert setting for ratings and written comments. This promotes and encourages the use of quality choral literature of varying styles and periods.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

- WHO?** Any chorus student
- WHAT?** Students have an opportunity to perform two pieces of music chosen by Mrs. Biddlecombe or their voice teacher by themselves or with other chorus members in front of a judge for comments and a grade. Students taking voice lessons are requested to perform at this festival.
- WHERE?** Raa Middle School
- WHEN?** November 19, 2011 OR March 10, 2012 Students will receive individual times as it gets closer.
- WHY?** Allows for another performance opportunity for students. It can either be alone or with friends. Students make this happen themselves. Teaches independence in the musical learning process. Broadens their knowledge of musical skills as well as the voice. Honors students create groups.

SPRING MUSICAL

- WHO?** Students who were selected to be a part of the musical and all students who would like to see the show!
- WHAT?** *Guys and Dolls*
- WHERE?** Chiles
- WHEN?** April 7, 8, and 9
- WHY?** Be a part of/see a wonderful musical production on the Chiles stage.

SPRING CONCERT

- WHO?** ALL chorus students are **REQUIRED** to participate.
- WHAT?** Chiles Spring Chorus Concert
- WHERE?** Chiles HS
- WHEN?** May 12, 2011
- WHY?** The culmination of a year's learning and dedications to our graduating seniors.