Saugerties High School Treble Ensemble Handbook



2022-2023

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**Treble Ensemble**

**Welcome to the Saugerties High School Treble Ensemble!**

With great anticipation, I look forward to working with you in the Treble Ensemble this year! Please read over this handbook, fill in your information on the last page, and return it to me before September 17th. Feel free to email me with any questions at rmacdougall@saugerties.k12.ny.us

**Choir Repertoire**

We will be singing a variety of songs throughout the school year. These songs will correspond to the elements of correct singing techniques and according to the ability and ranges of the students. My goal is to bring out the best sound in the choir, therefore certain songs may not fit our group. Depending on the balance between the sections, and strength of the sections, song selections will be chosen. These songs may or may not include the following styles: classical, show tunes, pop songs, spirituals, gospel, holiday, multicultural, a cappella, rock and other songs that will enhance and expand your choir repertoire. We will also be singing songs out of the New York State Music Educator’s manual. These songs are leveled 1-6 and are for all choirs across New York State who may want to participate in NYSSMA evaluation festivals.

**Classroom Rules**

RESPECT

1. Respect the teacher
2. Respect others around you
3. Respect materials

GIVE YOUR BEST EFFORT

1. Refrain from talking
2. No gum chewing or eating
3. Stay focused throughout the rehearsal

**Classroom Expectations**

* Arrive to class on time
* Be prepared with folder, pencil and music
* Follow along in your music
* Sing with correct techniques
* Stand during rehearsal without complaining
* Give your best effort
* Have a good attitude
* Attend all performances

**Materials Needed-**folder and pencil

**Grading Policy**

Classwork/Participation 40%

Lessons 20%

Concerts/Assessments 40%

*\*Final grade for the year will be based on the total of four quarters*

**Communication**

1. Google Classroom- TBA
2. Email- rmacdougall@saugerties.k12.ny.us
3. Website -go to [www.saugerties.k12.ny.us](http://www.saugerties.k12.ny.us)
4. Automatic Text Reminders -TBA

**Health Issues**

Please let me know of any health issues or concerns at the beginning of the year. I will do my best to accommodate any concern you may have.

*Sitting-* Although we will occasionally be sitting during a rehearsal, there is only “one sit” per quarter. Beyond that, a medical or parental note is needed. Failure to stand during the rehearsal will result in a lower grade.

*Sickness*- I will need a note from a doctor if you cannot participate in choir. You can sing with a sore throat and or cold. Please drink lots of water and get rest because it is important that you take care of yourself!

**Concert Attendance**

**Concert attendance is mandatory!** Choir is a performing group, so although there is not a lot of homework throughout the year, students are required to participate at all performing events. Concerts provide us with the opportunity to display the talents of our students and the progress achieved throughout the year. Each student is an integral part of the group and we depend on each other. Because our groups are performing organizations, concerts serve as a final exam or evaluation for the members. Failure to attend concerts or mandatory performances will result in a failing grade for that marking period.

If there is a family emergency or illness, the students should bring in a written note from their parents/guardians within two weeks of the concert. If you are playing a sport, please let your coach know about your concert schedule so arrangements can be made for you to attend the concert. Thank you for your cooperation! Mandatory dates are in bold print.

**Concert Dates and other information**

* **Winter Concert** - Monday, December 19th (Snow 12/20) at 7 pm,
* **Pops Concert**-Thursday, February 23 (snow 2/27) at 7pm
* **Spring Concert** –Monday, June 5th at 7 pm

**Concert Dress Code**

* The school dress code applies
* All black dress clothes with comfortable black shoes as we will be walking on risers and stairs

\*Please abide by the school dress code for all performances!

**Lessons**

* Students will be given lessons rotations. Lessons are extremely important and are imperative to their grade.
* If a student cannot make a lesson, they must do a make-up lesson
* Students are responsible for missed work and homework assignments
* Four lessons per quarter should be completed by each student

**Ladder of Discipline**

* Change of seat
* Conference with teacher
* After school detention with signed parent slip
* Phone call home
* Removal from chorus

**Enrichment**

**All County Chorus**-March 5th and 6th at UCCC, Snow TBA

* Students will be selected according to behavior, ability and effort during chorus
* Students will be required to attend extra rehearsals to prepare for this event
* Students are expected to attend both the Friday night and Saturday rehearsal during the festival or they cannot participate
* Students are to represent Saugerties High School by giving their best effort at the event and behaving appropriately

**Area All State**-Late November-canceled this year

* Students are selected by NYSSMA solo score

**All State-** First weekend in December in Rochester, NY

* Students are selected by NYSSMA solo score and usually need a 100 to even apply

**Choir Leadership**

Section Leaders will be chosen to help the flow of the rehearsal. These students should demonstrate leadership qualities and be a committed member of the group. These students should be regularly attending lessons and all performances. Classroom jobs will also be given to interested students.

**Evaluations**

NYSSMA **Solo** Festival-Tentatively April 23rd and 24th (deadline for entry January 30th)

* Students should prepare a solo from the NYSSMA manual and be able to sight read for a panel of two or three evaluators
* Level 6 all state students are encouraged to get private lessons

NYSSMA **Ensemble** Festival

* Students are required to attend this event
* It will be during the day at tentatively at Wallkill High School- date to be determined
* Students should be on their best behavior as we will be visiting another school district

Thank you for reading this contract. Please fill out the information on the following sheet and return it to Mrs. MacDougall by September 18th. I look forward to working with you this year!!

**Saugerties High School Treble Ensemble**

Please sign and return this contract to Mrs. MacDougall by Friday, September 17th! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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**Parent/Guardian Information**

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Handbook Contract**

As a member of the Saugerties High School Treble Ensemble, I understand the expectations in this handbook, and will do my best to follow these expectations and stay committed throughout this entire school year! I have also marked down when the concerts are to make sure I attend all performances.

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 Student Signature

I have read the Saugerties Treble Ensemble Handbook and will do my best to support my child during this entire school year! I have marked down the concert dates and will make sure my child will attend all performances.

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