

Holland Brook School Choir

2024-2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello! My name is Mr. Darian Hampton and I am the new General Music and Chorus teacher at Holland Brook! I am thrilled to share my passion of music with your children!

Let us kick off the 2024-2025 Holland Brook Chorus!

Chorus is open to all 4th and 5th grade students as an extra, fun music group that meets after school on Mondays from 2:40 PM to 3:30 PM.

It is valuable that each student acknowledges their special role in our Holland Brook Chorus team, thus they must read and agree to the following commitments, goals, and expectations.

Goals:

1. Choral participation will enrich the quality of our lives and the lives of those for whom we sing.
2. Choral singing will lead us to make positive and meaningful contributions to our own lives and the lives of others.
3. Singing will help us to develop our presentation skills and our voices in a healthy and confident manner.
4. A knowledge of music will help us to understand the historical and theoretical nature of music, both as an academic subject and in practical application.
5. Belonging to the chorus will foster a cooperative learning environment and engender friendships based on shared musical experiences.
6. Singing great choral literature will lead us to understand that music is a powerful means of communication and helps celebrate the best of humankind!

Expectations:

Rehearsal Attendance:

- Please be at all rehearsals unless Mr. Hampton pre-approves your absence at least two weeks prior.

Performances:

- Choir members are expected to participate in all performances. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early for all concerts.
- Behavior:
 - It is expected that students in the Holland Brook Chorus behave well at all times—on stage and in rehearsal. We represent Holland Brook and set a standard for our school.
 - If a student has difficulty meeting this expectation she/he may be dismissed from chorus for the remainder of the year.
- Commitment:
 - As with any extra activity, chorus members are expected to commit for the duration of the season— in this case the remainder of the year.
 - Please understand that, by the nature of this group, a student who leaves chorus due to behavioral or academic concerns will only have an opportunity to return in the next year (or possibly at the semester break). As with math, we learn new skills every day and to expect a student to know and demonstrate skills learned in his/her absence would be unfair.
- Concerts:
 - HBS Holiday Concert
 - Wednesday, December 18th @ 6:00 PM
 - HBS Spring Concert
 - Tuesday, May 20th @ 6:00 PM
 - Concert attire/location/call times (TBA)
 - We may schedule additional performances/trips tentative to time/resources and all information will be given as soon as it is made available.

Weekly After-School Rehearsals:

Mondays, in the General Music Room (16), **2:40 PM - 3:30 PM**

The Fall rehearsal dates will be:

- October 21st and 28th
(NOT MEETING October 7th and 15th)
- November 11th, 18th, and 25th
(NOT MEETING November 4th)
- December 2nd, 9th, and 16th

Chorus only meets on **FULL SCHOOL DAYS**, not Early Dismissal Days or half days. Please pick your child up from the General Music room at 3:30.

Spring dates will come out in January; please plan to attend every Monday.

Please use the QR code below to sign up on Google Forms, however if there are any issues, please find the same link on your student's music folder in Google Classroom!

Thank you so much! See you all very soon!

