



Welcome to NMS Choir!

Mrs. Kristen Grebinski – Middle School Choral Director

NMS Choirs:

7th Grade Women's Choir - SA/SSA

8th Grade Women's Choir – SSA /SSAA

7th/ 8th Grade Men's Choir - TTb/TB

7th/8th Mixed Ensemble - SAB/SATB

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Conference Hour: 7:35AM to 8:30AM
Please email me to schedule a phone conference.

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Education

Bachelors of Music Education K-12 Michigan State University 1997

Masters Degree in Choral Conducting Michigan State University 2002

Teaching Experience

1999 to Present – Novi Meadows & Novi Middle School Choirs

2012 to 2016 – Madonna University Musical Theater Summer Camp Instructor

2009 to 2016 – Walled Lake Central HS Musical Choreographer

1998 to 2008 – Novi High School Musical Theater Director

Novi Middle School Choir Program

Our mission is to integrate a positive musical experience into the Novi Middle School curriculum.

The primary emphasis of Choir at Novi Middle School is to provide a safe environment wherein music is used as a tool to help each student realize an increased awareness of self and others, aiming toward the development of positive self-esteem through successful experiences. Utilizing classroom involvement, concert performances, and the music itself, we will strive for:

- **Respect – for self and others**
- **Teamwork – working together to accomplish a common goal**
- **Emotional outlet/self-expression**
- **Self-control**
- **Increased self-confidence**
- **Responsibility for self**
- **Compassion for others**

GRADING

Students will receive points in each category.

1. DAILY Rehearsal Procedures (5points a day)

These points are worth 50% of the overall grade

Students will lose points for not following rehearsal procedures. This includes: tardiness, class participation, raising hand to speak, coming prepared, respectful behavior towards others, and cell phone use.

2. Attendance at Mandatory Concerts & Rehearsals

3. Assessments

CURRICULUM

Students will strive to perform a varied repertoire of music with technical and expressive accuracy. Additionally, students will develop vocal technique appropriate to their developmental level. Developing skills at the primary sight reading level will be emphasized. Units of study include: the study of traditional and popular choral repertoire, quality tone production, primary music literacy and musicianship, concert/performance preparation, and participation in Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) FESTIVAL Performances. In addition, students will learn responsibility, self-discipline, intrinsic motivation, and team work.

Attendance at rehearsals and performances outside of the school day is required



CONCERT ATTIRE is provided, except for:

- A. Girls – Black, closed-toe dress shoes (flats, pumps etc.) are mandatory. NO jewelry.
- B. Boys – Black dress shoes, dark socks are mandatory.
 - 1. Students are responsible for hemming dress/pants. Directions will be sent home with the attire
 - 2. All school-provided attire is required to be returned in the Spring, cleaned, and repaired.
 - 3. If missing or damaged, the student/parent is responsible for replacement cost.
- C. GREEN CHOIR T-SHIRT – Students will perform at Cedar Point and Just For Fun Concert. Students may also wear it to school on the day of a concert.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to show respectful, positive, non-disruptive behavior while at any music activity. Students may be removed from a rehearsal, performance, and/or activity if their contribution to the ensemble is negative and/or disruptive. Parents will be notified in advance of this.

Please Note: Transportation to and from concerts will NOT be provided. (except for MSVMA Choral Festival & Cedar Point)

Please make arrangements in advance since many are mandatory and will affect their grade.

Uniform Instructions

Dear Parents and Students:

Choir students will soon receive their concert attire. The dresses and/or pants will need length adjustment. Therefore, it is your responsibility to hem the item according to the following requirements, before our concert on October 25.

DIRECTIONS FOR HEMMING DRESS or PANTS

1. When being measured, wear the black dress shoes that you will be wearing at concerts.

2. LENGTH:

DRESS: Measure the dress to just touch the top of the shoe.

PANTS: Measure the front of the pants to the top of the shoe.

The back of the pants should be approximately hemmed to the top of the heel of the shoe.

3. When sewing the material, please note the following:

A. Do not cut off any material. These dresses and pants need to fit many students for many years!

B. Use a simple stitch that allows for adjusting the hem in the future.

C. DO NOT USE TAPE! This includes masking tape, duct tape, scotch tape, iron-on hem-tape, etc. (Tape will disfigure the material. Also, tape residue does not wash out.)

D. Do not use staples or safety pins to permanently hem the dress or pants!

Parent/Student Responsibilities

1. **Girls Attire:** Hemmed Dress, **closed-toe black shoes**, no necklace, small earrings if desired. No leggings under the dress. Undergarments should not be seen.

*Students will arrive to every performance dressed in their concert attire and must insure that it is ironed, hemmed, and not soiled or damaged.

2. **Guys Attire:** Hemmed pants, shirt, vest, **black dress shoes, black socks.**

*Students will arrive to every performance dressed in their concert attire and must insure that it is ironed, hemmed, and not soiled or damaged.

Washing instructions

- A. Dress: Machine-wash cool/warm water, gentle cycle. Hang to dry!
- B. Pants: Machine-wash, cold/warm water, gentle cycle, tumble dry low heat.
Use warm iron if necessary. Wash with like colors.
- B. Green Vest: Machine-wash cold. Hang to dry. Wash with like colors.
- C. White Vest: Dry-clean.
- D. Shirt: Machine wash warm. Tumble dry low heat. Iron. Wash with like color.

Care and Return Instructions

1. **The care of the uniform is the responsibility of each student and any damage or lost items will be replaced at the expense of the student.**

All choir attire is to be returned clean and repaired, by June 3, 2019

2018-2019 MANDATORY Choir Events

The following dates are MANDATORY rehearsals & concerts.
Attendance & Rehearsal Procedure Points will be given for these events

Wednesday, Oct. 24 Mandatory Rehearsal Novi MS Auditorium 6PM to 8PM

Thursday, Oct. 25 Fall Concert Novi MS Auditorium 7PM to 8PM
Formal Concert Attire

Wednesday, Dec. 19 Mandatory Rehearsal Novi MS Auditorium 6PM to 8PM

Thursday, Dec. 20 Holiday Concert Novi MS Auditorium 7PM to 8PM
Formal Concert Attire

Mandatory MSVMA Choral Festival Rehearsals

- Friday, March 8 – 2:30 to 4PM ** 7th Grade Women MS Stage
- Monday, March 11 – 2:30 to 4PM ** 8th Grade Women MS Stage

Tuesday, March 12 Pre-Festival Concert 7:00PM Novi MS Auditorium
Formal Concert Attire

Friday, March 15 MSVMA Choral Festival – Clarkston, MI
We will take buses to this event - Time TBA
Formal Concert Attire

Wednesday, May 29 Rehearsal MS Stage 6PM to 8PM

Thursday, May 30 Just For Fun Concert Novi MS Auditorium 7PM to 8PM
Attire: Green Novi Choir T-shirt

Detailed information for each event will be available on NMS Choir Website. www.nmschoir.com
The information will also be emailed and sent home with students as each event approaches.



2018-2019 OPTIONAL Choir Events

- Tuesday, Oct. 2** Paradise Park Music Department Night! 5PM to 8PM (*optional*)
Attire: Green Novi Choir T-shirt or any Novi Spirit wear
- Thursday, Oct. 4** Music Department Fundraising Kick Off!
- Friday, October 12** Audition Deadline for the All-State Honors Choir (*Select students only*)
Auditions will be on-line this year. Students will submit a video presentation of the given music. Auditions must be submitted between Sept. 18 & Oct. 12.
- Saturday, Oct. 20** Honors Choir Rehearsal & Concert (*selected 8th gr.*)
Attire: Look like you care ☺
- Thursday, January 25** State Honors Choir Performance (*Grand Rapids – Select 8th Graders*)
- January Date TBA** Choir Activity Night with Meadows & Major VI - MS Auditorium 6 to 8PM
Attire: Green Novi Choir T-shirt or any Novi Spirit wear
- Saturday, May 4** MS Solo & Ensemble (*For private lesson students only*) times TBA
Attire: Look like you care ☺
- Wednesday, May 15** *Rehearsals for Cedar Point 2:30 to 4PM MIDDLE SCHOOL STAGE
- Saturday, May 18** Cedar Point Festival **ALL DAY**
Attire: Green Novi Choir T-shirt

Due: September 14

MS Choir Student/Parent Information

Please sign below AFTER you have read the Novi MS Choir
Information, Concert Dates & Uniform Instructions

*Visit the website for details and paperwork regarding up-coming choir events! www.nmschoir.com

Student Name _____ Hour _____

Please provide the email address(s) you would like me to use to send rehearsal/concert reminders

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Please list any known conflicts with MANDTATORY concert and/or rehearsal dates

Check here if you do NOT want your child's photo on the website.

Please let me know if you are available to assist in any of the following areas:

Concert Assistance – Chaperone warm-up, help with the after-glow, rehearsal supervision, etc....

Uniforms – assist with student assignment (during class-time), check for needed repairs, organization, hemming, sewing, returns in June, etc....

Chaperone – Cedar Point, MSVMA Festivals, field trips, etc....

Fundraiser – Assistance with product orders & distribution week of Nov. 12

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the expectations regarding CONCERTS, GRADING, & CONCERT ATTIRE for Novi Middle School Choir

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

