**Honors Chamber Singers 2019-2020 Syllabus**

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*Pursuing excellence in learning and character within the Patriot community - PHS School Vision*

**Course Description and Goals**

Honors Chamber Singers students must audition and be accepted to explore the arts of choral and solo singing in great depth and breadth. In this highly advanced course, students will expand their knowledge of chamber music, music theory, history, sight singing, and ear training. **Students will follow every aspect of the regular Madrigals Syllabus and shall have extra duties.** This course meets the UC/CSU “F” requirement for fine arts and can be repeated for credit.

Students will...

* Have many extended performance opportunities.
* Improve their vocal technique and audition skills.
* Learn to refine and reflect on group and solo performance.
* Develop diligent practice times and methods outside of class.
* Increase musicianship skills in solfege and rhythm.
* Sing expressively with passion and technical accuracy.
* Increase musical literacy through reading and writing.
* Learn citizenship, responsibility, community, leadership, and PHS core values.
* Meet CA Visual and Performing Arts Standards and the new National Core Arts Standards.

**Course Philosophy**

* Singing is a learnable skill set, not a talent.
* Successful ensemble membership teaches citizenship, dependability, and responsibility.
* Singers must be capable and knowledgeable musicians.
* Prepare students for freshman year of college majoring in music.
* Develop lifelong organizational and interpersonal skills.

**Above and Beyond**

* Students shall give or take private vocal instruction, with teacher approval, of 45 minutes per week.
* Students shall perform in solos and student-lead, quartet-like experiences of chamber music assigned by the instructor or agreed upon by the chamber group, meeting on their own rehearsal time.
* Students shall perform their solos and chamber ensemble pieces, with new repertoire for each full program concert, excluding Celebration Choir, but including Madrigals Candlelight.
* Students shall participate in chamber caroling experiences as assigned by the instructor.
* Students shall provide written and verified documentation of lessons and rehearsals which take place outside of classroom time, in the form of a designated logbook.
* The logbook and written reflections on performance shall factor into the grade as assignments, in addition to **all** regular Madrigals assignments.

**Performance Calendar**

Performance Calendar dates are subject to change; all changes will occur in writing.

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| Day | Date | Event | Call Time | Start | Location | Choirs |
| T | 8/22/2019 | Back to School Night | 6:00 | 6:30 | PHS Gym | Madrigals |
| S | 9/21/19 | Reg. Honor Choir Audition #1 |  | 9am | Various |  |
| S | 9/28/19 | Reg. Honor Choir Auditions #2 |  | Noon | Various |  |
| S | 9/28/19 | CSUF Quartet Festival |  |  | CSUF | Select |
| W | 10/23/2019 | RCC Fall Choral Festival | 1:00pm |  | RCC | Madrigals |
| F | 10/25/19 | Fall Choral Festival | Staggered | 7:00pm | 1st Cong. | All |
| W | 11/6/19 | Norco High School Exchange | 6:00pm | 7:00pm | NHS | Madrigals |
| T | 11/19/19 | Rotary Performance | Noon | 12:30pm | Sizzler | Mads |
| Th-S | 11/21-23/19 | Regional Honor Choir |  |  |  |  |
| F | 12/13/19 | Winter Choral Festival | Staggered | 7:00pm | 1st Cong. | All |
| Th | 12/19/19 | District Holiday Luncheon | 12:30 | 1:00pm | Board Rm. | Madrigals |
| W | 1/22/20 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal 1 | 4:00-5:15 |  | Theatre | All |
| W | 1/29/20 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal 2 | 4:00-5:15 |  | Theatre | All |
| W | 2/5/20 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal 3 | 4:00-5:15 |  | Theatre | All |
| W | 2/12/20 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal 4 | 4:00-5:15 |  | Theatre | All |
|  | 2/14-17/20 | San Francisco Tour | TBA | TBA | TBA | Mads & AC |
| W | 2/19/20 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal 5 | 4:00-5:15 |  | Theatre | All |
| Th-S | 2/20-22/20 | All State Honor Choir |  |  | Fresno | Audition |
| W | 2/26/20 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6 | 3:35-5:15 |  | JMS | All |
| Th | 2/2720 | Celebration Choir Performance | 6:00 | 6:30 | JMS | All |
| F | 2/28/20 | Celebration Choir Day Shows | 2nd Per | 9-11am | JMS | All |
|  | March TBD | SCVA Festivals | TBA |  | TBA | All? |
|  | March TBD | 8th Grade Orientation |  |  |  |  |
|  | April TBD | JUSD Choral Festival | TBA |  | TBA | Madrigals |
| F | 5/8/20 | Spring Sing | Staggered | 7:00pm | 1st Cong. | All |
| Sat | 5/2/20 | Music In The Parks | TBA | TBA | TBA |  |
| F | 5/15/20 | Madrigals Candlelight | 5:30pm | 7:00pm | 1st Cong. | Madrigals |
|  | May TBD | Graduation | 5:45 |  | RHS | Madrigals |

Parent and Student Acknowledgement Form for Honors Chamber Singers

(Detach and Return)

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print parent/guardian name here) have read, understand, and will support my student in fulfilling the policies in the syllabus.

* I read the policies that require action and advanced preparation, including dates and transportation.
* I understand my student will receive a uniform, folder and music, and is responsible for them.
* The replacement cost for a lost folder is $25.00 and for a damaged or lost uniform is $75.00-150.00.
* I understand that this course requires time outside of the school day which is considered curriculum time, and that my student's performances are counted in the final grade.
* I understand my student and I must sign the Madrigals Contract and Uniform Contract.

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Signature of **Parent** or **Guardian** Date Signed

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print student name here) have read this course syllabus and I understand and accept my responsibilities as set forth in it.

* I agree to the policies and will support the objectives as stated in the syllabus.
* I understand that concert attendance is part of my grade.
* I read the policies that require action and advanced preparation, including dates and transportation.
* The replacement cost for a lost folder is $25.00 and for a damaged or lost uniform is $75.00-150.00
* I understand that this course requires time outside of the school day which is considered curriculum time, and that my performances are counted in the final grade.
* I must also sign the Madrigals Contract and Uniform Contract.

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Signature of **Student** Date signed

**My student may participate in sales-based fundraisers and may receive products for which he/she is responsible. Yes or No (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (parent initials here)**

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What is the best way to contact you?

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