

Students receive daily rehearsal technique points. There are 10 pts available on All-Meet Days (Mondays 43 min classes), and 20 pts available on A/B days (90 min classes). These points are based on how hard students work in class.

Each Monday students are given a theory worksheet. It is a short one sided worksheet. They are due the last day of class each week. I encourage students to work on the theory sheet in class, perhaps while they are waiting for me when I work with another section. Most students are able to complete these during the week, and rarely have to take it home.

Students are required to attend one “live” (not Youtube) Choral Concert per semester and write a review. Students *may not* be a participant in the concert they review. Students must **attach the program** of the concert, and a **Concert Review Form** to the review. The Concert Review Form can be found on the website, or a student may obtain one from Ms .Mac at school. Students should follow the instructions on the Concert Review Form. The review must be at least two pages, double-spaced typed. An upper level choir concert is preferred (high school, college, professional). A middle school concert is acceptable, but not preferred. Elementary programs **do not qualify**. Musicals **do not** qualify. Professional commercial concerts **do not** qualify (Carrie Underwood, Justin Bieber, etc). If unsure, check with Ms. Mac in advance.

Please avoid scheduling medical, dental, and other appointments during choir period. Much of choir work is done in class, and is difficult to make up. Absences effecting loss of credit will follow the West Salem High School current policies.

Expectations

Students are expected to have a positive and productive attitude each day. Students are expected to exhibit an exemplary work ethic. Students are expected to be on time. On time means in your place, with your music and pencil, ready to learn when the bell rings. Students will respect all students, faculty, parent volunteers, community members, and anyone else that may be involved with the West Choir Department. Students will sight read, learn music, perform occasional part tests, and be prepared for class each day. Students will attend a 30 minute appointed after-school sectional once a week. Students will be attentive to instructor, and save socializing for outside of class time. Students are expected to participate in every scheduled performance and rehearsal. Students must make advanced arrangements to miss after school performances and rehearsals. Students and parents are asked to participate in all fundraising events and activities. Students are required to wear the proper attire for the performing group in which they participate. Most importantly, students will experience the joy of singing!

Choir of the Titans Performance Attire:

Choir Robes (provided by choir Department)

Boys: Black slacks, black socks, black shoes (please no tennis shoes), flat collared t-shirt

Girls: Off black nylons, dress shoes, no pants. Hair must be off face and shoulders. No boots, tennis shoes, or flip flops.

TAG Considerations

TAG students will be given enrichment in the classroom through pacing and high expectations. For enrichment, there are many resources available to the talented student, TAG or not, including private lessons. Private lessons are highly recommended for all gifted students.

FEES: \$40. Fair Use fee is required for each CT student. This fee includes a choir T-Shirt. *Please make checks payable to West Salem Choir.*

Parent Meeting Monday Sept. 19, 6:30 – 7:30

West Choir Room. Please make it a priority to attend. We will discuss the upcoming year, the Choir Department, talk about ways parents can get involved, and have trip information.