

Bay Port Pandemonious Handbook

Rehearsals Information:

Rehearsals Times: Wednesday 5:00-7:00 and Friday 3:30-5:30

Rehearsals at other days or times will be noted on the schedule

Rehearsal Dress Code:

- MUST wear dark bottoms to all rehearsals (black leggings, jogger pants, athletic shorts are good options)
- Costume A singers wear black tops and Costume B singers wear white tops (try to avoid patterns and graphics as much as possible, no crop tops or cutout sides). You will be informed soon if you are in costume A or B.

Rehearsal dress allows the directors to clean the show and create formations during rehearsals.

Rehearsal Expectations:

Everyone must help move and reset choir chairs for all rehearsals in the choir room. All personal items (bags, phones, etc.) will be stored in the music equipment area or in the back storage room in the choir room. Space is limited in the choir room during rehearsals and we want to avoid tripping hazards (40 backpacks take up a lot of space.) No cell phones, headphones, or earbuds should be used during rehearsal times. Students can use breaks to access phones or other items.

Attendance Policy:

Since show choir is a team effort, **attendance at rehearsals and performances is required**. If students need to miss, those absences must be **arranged and approved in advance** by the directors **via email** prior to the rehearsal. Without prior communication and approval of an absence, it will automatically be considered unexcused. **Two unexcused absences will result in removal from the group.**

Examples of excused absences include appointments, illness, vacation, and other school events.

If a student reaches 6 excused absences during the season, they will be placed on probation. During probation, students are still required to attend rehearsals as usual, but they will need to have a director meeting to determine eligibility to perform and may be removed from some of the songs. **If students reach 10 cumulative excused absences, they will be removed from the group.** With two rehearsals per week, ten absences means missing 5 weeks of rehearsals. This is too much rehearsal time to make up and it isn't fair to the rest of the team.

You will be given 30 days notice for any schedule changes. If changes occur within less than 30 days, absences will not count toward the attendance requirement.

Recap of attendance policy:

- Must email directors prior to any absences (including being sick from school)
- Two unexcused absences will result in removal from the group
- After 6 excused absences, you will be placed on probation with a required director meeting to be allowed to perform, after 10 cumulative excused absences singer will be removed from the group

Show choir is a group effort and requires members to attend rehearsals and performances. We learn something new, clean dances, work on music, and more every rehearsal. You will always miss something for non-attendance. The purpose of the attendance policy is to hold group members accountable for their place in the group. **EVERYONE is important!!**

Hair/Makeup:

You will be given specific requirements for hairstyle and makeup for our performances. You will need to provide your own hair ties, bobby pins, hairspray, and makeup to complete your performance look. Directors will teach you how to style your hair and makeup. Other members and family are encouraged to help assist singers with hair and makeup preparation. Please communicate with the directors prior to making any major hair changes.

Riser Setup: Students will be responsible for helping set up and take down the show choir risers for some rehearsals and events held at Bay Port. You will be taught how to do this process safely.

Competitions:

Please put down the competition/performance dates on your family calendars! Show choir depends on having everyone in attendance at rehearsals and competitions.

Competitions/Performances:

Saturday, January 6th, 2024 Clinic and Performance @Bay Port

Saturday, January 20th, 2024 New London Competition

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 DePere Competition

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 Home Showcase @BayPort

Saturday, March 9th, 2024 Southwest Competition

Students should be present during the duration of the competition day. This includes warm-up, performance, critique, and the awards ceremony. Singers are also responsible for unloading/loading props and equipment before and after the competition as assigned by directors.

Costume Fees: Students purchase their own costumes each year, but are able to keep the items at the end of the season. Some items will be reused year to year (leotards, tights, and garment bags). The total costume fee typically runs about \$200 - \$300, once all the costumes are decided I will send out the exact amount due. Payments will be made online through RevTrak or check/cash can be given directly to Ms. Eastman. Make checks payable to Bay Port High School.

First Payment \$150: Due by **September 29th, 2023**

Second Payment (TBD): Due by **October 25th, 2023**

We try to keep the costs down as much as possible, while still choosing something appropriate and fashionable for our setlist. Students have the option to participate in fundraising through the music parents association to put toward their costume payments. More info for these fundraisers will be shared in the music courses. If your student is in need of financial assistance (outside of MPA fundraising), please contact me. We don't want finances to prevent a student from participating in the group.

Costume Care/Garment Bags :

Students are responsible for the upkeep of their costumes. Students need to label them, store them properly, and clean them as needed. (Proper care instructions will be provided.) All costumes must be stored in a garment bag. Pandemonious garments bags can be purchased through our costume payment system this fall or students can provide their own. If any items of costumes are lost or damaged students are responsible for replacing them at their own cost.

Reminder Texts: Text @7da98et to 81010 or visit <https://www.remind.com/join/7da98et> to receive text reminders about show choir.

PANDEMONIOUS SHOW CHOIR CONTRACT

I understand that I am required to be at every rehearsal and performance as scheduled, especially competitions. If I receive 30 days' notice of a change, then the rehearsal or performance will be mandatory and will count toward excused/unexcused absences. If 30 days notice is not given, then I will make every attempt to free my schedule but absence will not count toward the attendance policy.

I understand the attendance policy and my responsibility to the group. I will share my show choir calendar with any other clubs or sports I will participate in at Bay Port or the community.

I understand the rehearsal expectations for behavior and dress code.

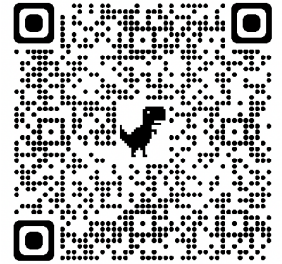
I understand that at all times I will conduct myself appropriately in representing the group and the school. If behavior or discipline issues arise, Ms. Eastman will give the student one warning. If a second behavior or discipline violation occurs, the student will incur consequences. In order to perform for show choir, I must be in good standing with the school.

As a part of the group, I realize it is my responsibility to load/unload equipment, set up/take down for rehearsals and performances, and any other means by which I can be a helpful member. If I am not doing my fair share of the work, I should expect a conference with Ms. Eastman.

I understand that I am fully responsible for paying my costume fees on time and for maintaining my costumes. If items are lost or damaged I am responsible to pay any replacement costs.

I have read the contract and am in agreement to abide by the above conditions.

Please sign and return this paper by Wednesday, August 9th or sign digitally using the code provided.



Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Interest: Please mark any areas of interest.

_____ Chaperone/room attendant at show choir competitions

_____ Sewing/costume alterations or modifications

_____ Set building/carpentry/riser set up

_____ Provide snacks or meals for group events

_____ Provide financial donations (help cover costume fees, etc.)

_____ Provide carpools/rides for other show choir members

_____ Other: _____

* Volunteering and other support is not required, but very appreciated!!!