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Welcome to Chorale!

This year we will be learning a lot about the musical influences that led us to where we are today in world of music and what kind of changes we think will happen in the future. Not only will we be sight-reading new music, but we will be listening to other choir perform the same music that we are working on in order to critique the recordings, as well as figuring out what we can do better on.

Each student is equal in my classroom and as fellow choir members it is essential that you treat each other as such. Music classrooms can often have a very competitive atmosphere because it can have such a competitive nature. In our classroom equality is key; each of your peers is your equal. In order to make this choir the best that we can we must work together.

Curriculum areas we will focus on this year include music from genres such as classical, spiritual, pop, and jazz. We will also learn the basics of music theory in order to learn our music more efficiently.

Students are asked to bring the following supplies to school before 9/6/13:

1 Black Folder
2 pencils
1Water Bottle

Since this is a music course you will rarely have worksheets and papers to write. However, there

will be a memorization schedule which will be posted on our Moodle page online; this schedule will also be posted in the classroom so that you are aware of when each piece of music needs to be memorized.

Each day you will be graded on class attendance and participation. You are required to be present at all of our concerts and events. If you are not able to make it to a concert you are required to write a 2-3 page paper on a classical composer and turn it in no later than 1 school day after the concert. In order to keep the memorization schedule effective there will be ensemble performances. You will be put into a group will 7 other student and asked to sing the given piece that was supposed to be memorized that day. You will then be graded on that piece by your peers as well as by me.

I can't wait to get this show on the road and work with all of you! This is going to be a great musical year!

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