

FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SWING CHOIR

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Dear Students & Parents,

Welcome to the Fenton Community High School swing choir auditions for the 2017-2018 school year. The intent of this handout is to provide important information about the organization and what is expected of the student. In order to be considered as a member I am asking each student to detach and return the contract at the bottom of this document.

I am very excited to be sponsor for Swing Choir at Fenton High School. Students are always welcome and encouraged to stop by my office and discuss their progress and/or ideas. If you (parents and students) have any questions or concerns, please call me at your convenience at the number above.

Thank you!

Mrs. Seredy M. Williams

Organization Description

Swing Choir is an auditioned extra-curricular group. Swing choir also utilizes choreography with A cappella and accompanied works that focus upon moderately easy to difficult multiple-part writing for male and female voices.

Rehearsals

- Rehearsals take place:
 - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
 - FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 7:10a.m.-7:45a.m. (mandatory for any student NOT in 0 hour PE)

Swing Choir Policies

1. Students will attend **all** rehearsals and concerts.
2. Students will be respectful of sponsor and each other so that a maximum amount of learning occurs.
3. Students will be on time to rehearsals.
4. A Varsity Letter will only be earned **IF** student misses **one or less rehearsals (excused or unexcused)**.
5. A Varsity Letter will only earned **IF** no concerts are missed for **ANY** reason
6. Students will show respect for material being learned.
7. Students will not bring candy, soft drinks, or gum into classroom.
8. Students will treat all classroom materials with respect.

Swing Choir Policies

- **2 EXCUSED absences PER YEAR allowed**
- **1 UN-EXCUSED absence PER YEAR allowed**
- **If more than one absence (excused or un-excused) is obtained before/between any given concert the student will be placed on “probation” for the concert. The student will be allowed to participate at the director’s discretion.**
- **The rehearsal directly before a concert is MANDATORY..and considered our DRESS REHEARSAL**
- **The dress rehearsal (on the stage) is mandatory for the safety of the students and the placement on the stage. Students will not be allowed to perform if they are not present for at least some of the rehearsal.**
- **Being on time to rehearsals is important therefore; 3 tardies will equal one absence.**
- Regular attendance is vital for a successful organization and performances.
In the event of an excused absence, it must be accompanied by documentation. Failure to produce documentation from a parent for the said event will result in an unexcused absence. Work, family parties and vacations, and failure to secure transportation are examples of UN-EXCUSED absences . Examples of excused absences include student illness, family emergency, and family death.
- Every effort has been made to avoid conflicts with other school activities in regards to the music schedule. If a conflict arises, notify the director as soon as possible so the conflict can be resolved according to the *Fenton High School Activities Policy*.
- Most performance dates are included on the calendar in this handout. Every effort will be made to keep you informed of any changes throughout the year.

Consequences for failure to comply with swing choir policies

1. Verbal warning.
2. Parent contact.
3. Loss of performance privileges.
4. Release from organization.

Uniforms

1. **For Rehearsals:** Students should wear comfortable athletic style clothing and shoes.
2. **For Concerts:** Swing Choir members will need to supply:
All: FHS Swing Choir Jacket (approx 40-50\$)
All: Choir T-shirt (approx. 15\$)
Men: a **black**, long-sleeved dress shirt and **black** dress slacks, bright colorful solid color tie, **black socks** and **black belt and dress shoes**. Senior Guys must have white suspenders and a white tie
Women: a **black** short sleeved shirt and **black** dress slacks, **black socks** and **black dress shoes**, and a colorful scarf (preferably single color).



Social Media

The FHS Choir program uses many avenues of social media. We have an FhsChoir Facebook page, and twitter Both are used to give announcements and reminders, as well as post helpful links and pictures from throughout the year.

We also utilize the FHS Music Department web page for documents, calendars, practice tracks and pictures as well as the FhsChoir1 YouTube page for videos, and choreography.

Personal usage of these media outlets is your personal option; however they have been established for assistance, and educational purposes. Please be aware that none of the information on these platforms is private. If you have questions or concerns please let me know. Also please make sure you have submitted your media release to the school.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/FHSCHOIR1> (on youtube)

Email me anytime- williams@fenton100.org or call: 630-860-4944

The Choir Web Page:

<http://music.fenton100.org/choirs>



"Like" Fhschoir_facebook page



Follow the choir- [@FentonChoir](https://twitter.com/FentonChoir)



Instagram

Follow [fentonhschoir](https://www.instagram.com/fentonhschoir)



To get text alerts/announcements and reminders for the ensemble:Everyone needs to subscribe
Text the following message (by class) to 442-333-7414 to subscribe

Code-

Swing Choir-> @swingchor

To get email alerts email the code for each class @ -> _____ @mail.remind101.com

Example- **swingchor @mail.remind101.com**

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 - CHOREOGRAPHY Dates are **HIGHLIGHTED**

IMPORTANT SWING CHOIR DATES FOR 2017-2018

August

Swing Choir Auditions: 23rd @ 6-8 p.m.

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 30th

September

September(*special rehearsal date)

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 6th, 13th, *18th, 20th, *25th, 27th

October(*special rehearsal date)

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 4th, *12th, 18th, 25th

Choral Concert: 15th @ 3pm

November(*special rehearsal date due to holidays)

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, *20th, *27th, 29th

Elementary Holiday Concert: 30th

December

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 6th, 13th

Wood Dale Tree Lighting-TBA (2nd) @ ___ (___pm C.T)

Wood Dale Chamber of Commerce-TBA (7th)

Holiday Assembly: 15th

Choral Concert: 17th @ 3pm

January

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Tri District Choral Fest: 16th @ 12pm & 7p.m.

Tri-District Fine Arts Connection: 23rd (?)

February (*special rehearsal date)

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 7th, *12th, 14th, 21st

92nd Annual Band & Choral Concert: 28th @ 7pm

March

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st

Spaghetti With A Song: 11th @ 1pm

April(*special rehearsal date)

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 4th, *9th, 11th, 25th

Spring Assembly: 16th

May

Evening Rehearsal Dates: 2nd

Mini Dress Rehearsal: 2nd @ 3:15-4:15

Choral Concert: 7th @ 7:00pm

Music Dept. Awards: 15th @ 7pm

FHS Swing Choir Student/Parent Form

Parents & Students:

I have read the FHS Swing Choir handout. I understand that these dates and guidelines are here to help us understand what is expected of FHS students while participating in the FHS swing choir. I have taken specific note of the attendance policy, and expectations as well as the performance dates. *I do not have any non-emergency conflicts with the rehearsals and performance dates that I have not listed on my audition form.*

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date

Parent Signature: _____

Date

Please return this page to Mrs. Williams no later than (Friday) AUGUST 25th Thank you!

Media Release

Parent/guardian, please check ONE:

____ I **DO** allow the School District and FHS Choral Program to release the name of my child and their image (photographic or video) to outside entities such as the news media, and I do allow the School District and FHS Choral Program to distribute my child's image through print publications, the District 100 website, music website and social media sites (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

____ I do **NOT** allow Fenton High School District 100 and FHS Choral Program to release the name of my child and their image (photographic or video) to outside entities such as the news media, and I do NOT allow the School District and FHS Choral Program to distribute my child's image through print publications, and social media sites (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

** As of the 2015-2016 School year... in order to OPT OUT you will need to submit a letter in writing to the Director of Community Relations and Community Service- This should have been completed at registration.

Note: Photos of large groups of students will be used. In these circumstances, it will not be possible to edit a student's image from a photo.

*Names will not be used for on-line purposes.