

## ***7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Syllabus***

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### **Course Goals:**

- The student will demonstrate proper posture and breathing techniques to support vocal production.
- The student will sing with a free and clear tone, using accurate intonation and purity of vowels and clarity of consonants.
- The student will perform dynamics and tempos as indicated by markings in the score in both solo and ensemble singing
- The student will perform an assigned vocal part in unison and in simple harmony.
- The student will respond to basic conducting gestures.
- The student will read and write basic music notation.
- The student will demonstrate an awareness of the collaborative nature of the choral art demonstrating an by demonstrating concert etiquette as a performer and listener.

### **Text and Materials:**

- Each student should bring a notebook and pencil for notes
- Music will be provided in class

### **Course Outline:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks**

- Breathing techniques and exercises
- Work on simple solfeggio singing and rhythm patterns from notation
- Sing songs to reinforce the five pure vowel sounds
- Sing rounds and easy two part songs
- Prepare music for Veterans Day performance
- Prepare All District tryout music
- Prepare music for a possible performance at the end of the grading period

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks**

- Continue working on breathing exercises, proper vowel and consonant sounds, solfeggio and rhythm work from notation
- Continue preparing for All District tryout music
- Prepare music for the Christmas Concert
- Prepare music for a spring musical
- Continue work on part singing (including rounds, cannons, two and three part songs)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks**

- Continue working on breathing exercises, proper vowel and consonant sounds, solfeggio and rhythm work from notation while constantly increasing the level of difficulty
- Continue working on music for a spring musical
- Prepare music for a Spring Concert
- Continue work on part singing (including rounds, cannons, two, three, and four part songs)

### **Grading Policy:**

- Nine weekly grades will be averaged with test grades and performance grades (tests and performance grades will be multiplied by two before averaging).