

JOHN CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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TO: 847.01 & 847.02 CONCERT CHOIR CLASSES and PARENTS
FROM: Lee Wright
RE: Course Requirements for the **John Carroll CONCERT CHOIR**

Dear Choristers and Parents;

Welcome Back! I hope that you are ready to begin yet another exciting year of your all-too-fleeting high school experience. To facilitate this, there are several things that need to be taken care of in the beginning to avoid any misunderstandings throughout the course of the year. It is imperative that we have all policies and procedures clarified at this time in order to continue the success of our choral program. Your responsibilities will be as follows:

The John Carroll Choirs will again wear the Green Robes with the differentiated stoles. Under these robes, please wear **BLACK PANTS, BLACK DRESS SHOES, BLACK SOCKS/STOCKINGS and your WHITE "Choir Robe T"SHIRT.** Last year's shirt will do just fine! Nothing else, please!

1) **PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS:**

FALL CONCERT:

Thursday, October 14th at 7:00pm at Bruno Auditorium, John Carroll Catholic High School
7:00 AM MORNING REHEARSALS; at most three (3)

WINTER CONCERT:

Thursday, December 9th at 7:00pm at TBA
Dress Rehearsal on Monday, December 6th from 4:00 - 6:00 at TBA
7:00 AM MORNING REHEARSALS; at most three (3)

HOMECOMING CONCERT:

Sunday, May 15th at 5:00pm at Bruno Auditorium, John Carroll Catholic High School
7:00 AM FULL REHEARSALS; at most three (3)

AUDITIONS for the 2011-2012 choirs will take place in April and May 2011

2) **GRADING:**

70% **In Class:** Rehearsal Etiquette, Sight-Reading, Quizzes, etc.

30% **Performances:** Morning Rehearsals, Dress Rehearsals, and Concerts

Please remember that while being a good singer is important, it is equally important that we develop good work and study habits, as well as sight-reading skills.

At some point in the spring the Concert Choir will travel to a national contest. Although attendance on this trip is not mandatory, we would love to have 100% participation. We need every member of the choir to be at our best.

It is assumed that students who make it to this class are the best choral students available at John Carroll. This is a preparatory class for Honors Chorus and Mixed Ensemble. Spaces in next year's choirs will generally - though not exclusively - be filled with students from this class who have worked the hardest and match our needs in vocal ability, attitude, voice part and reading skills. You are the primary source to replace this year's graduates, but not the only source. Please be aware that because there are limited spaces available in Honors Chorus, membership in this class IS NOT indicative of automatic inclusion next year.

In accepting your position in this ensemble, you are acknowledging and accepting your responsibilities regarding your musical, professional and personal standards that you set for yourselves as well as others. We are representatives of the advantages of Catholic Education at its finest. Our primary function is to grow and dedicate Christians and musicians through this choral experience. This is what Christian Education is all about; it is our highest calling.

Expect great things of yourself and demand it of me as well! Be aware that you are leaders of our program as well as our school. Your attitude and behavior must reflect that responsibility. Have a great time, but don't be afraid of hard work!

You will receive information regarding the 2010 advertisement campaign later this week. Please feel free to call or email me if there are any questions (940-2400, ext. 247/ lwright@jcchs.org). This looks like it is going to be a great year! Work diligently and enjoy!

Respectfully,

Lee Wright, Choral Director

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