



Welcome to La Paz Club Choir!!!

2022-2023

Director Information:

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Course Description: The La Paz Intermediate School choir is a choral ensemble that focuses on the development of comprehensive choral musicianship through the performance experience. Members will be exposed to a breadth of music literature with an emphasis on high quality performance and thorough understanding. This ensemble performs throughout the year. All students are expected to attend all concerts and performances. The concert dates are provided below.

Course Goal: The goal of the director is to assist in the development of comprehensive musicians (quality performers as well as knowledgeable and skilled musicians). High standards result in high achievement. As the director, I set the highest standards for myself and my ensemble members. Musical growth requires significant effort from everyone involved. Each of the objectives listed below will be addressed throughout the year during our weekly rehearsals.

Course Objectives: By the completion of the year, all students will be expected to accomplish the following:

Vocal Skills

1. Demonstrate appropriate music reading and aural skills in regular rehearsals and performances.
2. Demonstrate appropriate vocal technique (including proper breath control and good tone quality) in regular rehearsals and performances.
3. Demonstrate appropriate choral singing technique (including balance, blend, and intonation) in regular rehearsals and performances.
4. Demonstrate musical performance of all the focus literature (including note accuracy, memorization, and musicality) in regular rehearsals and performances.

Musical Knowledge

1. Demonstrate knowledge of all musical terminology reflected in the focus literature.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical background of the focus literature as presented in rehearsals.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic form and structure of the focus literature as presented in rehearsals.
4. Demonstrate the ability to critically listen and evaluate the musical performance of the ensemble.

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Materials & Supplies: Students will be issued music for the La Paz Club Choir. It is the student's responsibility to come to class with music and a pencil as well as a personal bottle of water each rehearsal. I recommend that you dedicate a folder for your music and worksheets—the style and color do not matter as we plan to perform our music from *memory*! You will also have access to our Google Classroom, which will contain rehearsal tracks that you will use to practice your music at home.

Health & Safety: The La Paz Choir program will be adhering to all health and safety policies set forth by the district office. Until further notice, all students and teachers must wear facial covering indoors unless otherwise approved by administration. Should any student not be feeling well, please stay home from rehearsals and contact Mrs. Norris for additional instruction to ensure the health of both you and your peers.

Concert Attire: It is understood that a unity of appearance must be attained when appearing with high quality performing ensembles. These policies ensure a sense of professionalism when appearing in public and representing La Paz Intermediate School. It shall be the responsibility of each member to appear in proper performance attire for each occasion. Members may not appear with the choir until these uniform standards are met:

- Performance attire is complete, clean, neatly pressed and in good repair
- Each choir member will be neatly groomed
- Long hair will be pulled up to maintain a professional, formal look
- Any visible jewelry, body piercings or tattoos are not appropriate performance attire

Men: Black collared shirt; Black slacks/dress pants; Black dress shoes, Black socks

Women: Black closed-toe, flat dress shoes; All black dress, or skirt/slacks and black top

Program Donations & Fundraising: There is NO FEE to be part of the La Paz Club Choir. However, programs like these simply cannot exist without the help of students and parents like you! Over the course of the school year, we will be attempting to raise funds in an effort to cover expenses that cover necessary items like sheet music, an accompanist for rehearsal/performances & other expenses centered around music education. If you feel so compelled to donate towards the La Paz Club Choir, please make checks payable to **LA PAZ ASB** with your student's NAME & CHOIR written in the memo line. This is imperative to ensure the funds are correctly deposited into the La Paz Choir Account. Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance with making our program a success!

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Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

Rehearsal Location, MPR

August:

Aug 18 – 3:30-5:00
Aug 25 – 3:30-5:00
5:00-5:30 – Parent Meeting
Aug 31 – 3:30-5:00

September:

Sep 1 – 3:30-5:00
Sep 8 – 3:30-5:00
Sep 15 – 3:30-5:00
Sep 22 – 3:30-4:30 (*MVHS BTSN*)
Sep 29 – 3:30-5:00

October:

Oct 6 – 3:30-5:00
Oct 11 – **Tuesday** 3:30-5:00
Sep 13 – Fall Spotlight Concert:
MVHS Performing Arts Theater
(PAT)
Oct 20 – 3:30-5:00
Oct 27 – 3:30-5:00

November:

Nov 3 – 3:30-5:00
Nov 10 – 3:30-5:00
Nov 17 – 3:30-5:00
Nov 24 – *No Rehearsal – Thanksgiving*

December:

Dec 1 – 3:30-5:00
Dec 8 – 3:30-5:00
Dec 15 – **CONCERT: MVHS PAT, 7:00pm**
• **CALL TIME @ 5:30**
TBD – Holiday Party

January: (subject to change)

No Rehearsal

February:

Feb 2 – 3:30-5:00
Feb 9 – 3:30-5:00
Feb 16 – 3:30-5:00
Feb 23 – 3:30-5:00

March:

March 2 – 3:30-5:00
March 9 – 3:30-5:00
March 14 – **Tuesday** 3:30-5:00
March 16 – MVHS Festival Concert
March 23 – 3:30-5:00
March 28 – Tentative rehearsal 3:30-5
March 30 – No Rehearsal MVHS Tour

April:

April 6 – *No Rehearsal – Spring Break*
April 14 – 3:30-5:00
April 20 – 3:30-5:00
April 27 – 3:30-5:00
April 29 – Music in the Parks
Competition @ Knott's Berry Farm
8:00am-9:00pm

May:

MVHS 2023-2024 Choir Auditions –
Dates TBA
May 2 – **Tuesday** 3:30-5
May 4 – Spring Concert: MVHS PAT
• **CALL TIME @ 5:30**
May 11 – *End of the Year Party*

NOTE: Added rehearsal dates or additional activities may be added throughout the school year. Rehearsal location subject to change based on room availability.

For up-to-date schedule changes, check our website!

www.missionviejochoir.com/la-paz

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Contact Information & Choir Commitment

STUDENT:

Name _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Choir: *La Paz Club Choir*

Grade: 7th 8th

Experience in a Choir:

Yes No

MOTHER/GUARDIAN:

Name _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN:

Name _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN MAILING ADDRESS:

Please provide for choir related correspondence

_____ Street

City State Zip

STUDENT MAILING ADDRESS:

(if different from parent's)

_____ Street

City State Zip

PREFERRED COMMUNICATION:

Email Printed Material Choir Website

Please return completed & signed form to Mrs. Norris at next our rehearsal

Parent Approval

I have personally read and understood everything presented in this handout. I understand that my son/daughter is participating in choir at La Paz and that my support is needed.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____