
PCHS CHORAL NEWSLETTER

August/September 2022

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Ensemble Information

Madrigal Auditions

Madrigals, our Renaissance-inspired vocal ensemble, will be having auditions on Thursday, August 25th from 2:20-4:00pm. There are two prep sessions (auditioning students need to attend one of these) set for Thursday, August 18th and Tuesday, August 23rd from 2:20-3:30pm. All audition information is posted on the choir website and Google Classroom!

Bel Canto/VoiceMale

Our two pop-focused ensembles, Bel Canto and VoiceMale, are starting up on Monday, August 22nd. Bel Canto will meet from 2:20-2:50 and VoiceMale will meet from 3-3:30. **No audition is required.** Anyone that is staying for VoiceMale are asked to stay in the music department after school.

Welcome back, Wildcats!



Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I am very excited to get this school year started and have no doubt this will be another fulfilling and wonderful year for the choir department.

I plan on sending out bi-monthly newsletters to all families. This way, you are brought up to speed on everything that relates to the choir department. Plus, it beats having to sift through a very long email.

In this newsletter, you will find information about after school ensembles, a quick look at important dates in first semester and information on ILMEA.

Important Dates for 1st Semester

Listed below are important dates for 1st Semester. You can find all of these events and more on the choir website, under "Calendar". Also, you can subscribe to our calendars to stay up-to-date with all of the curricular and extracurricular activities and events.

Madrigal Auditions - Thursday,
August 23rd (2:20-4:00pm)

Bel Canto/Voice Male First Meeting - Monday, August 22nd

ILMEA Auditions - Wednesday,
October 5th

Fall Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal - Wednesday, October
19th

Fall Choir Concert - Thursday,
October 20th (6:30pm)

Collage Dress Rehearsal - Date/
Time TBD

Collage Concert - Saturday,
December 10th (2 & 6:30pm)

Madrigal Performances - Friday,
December 16th and Saturday,
December 17th (Time TBD)

Choir Website

For all things related to the PCHS Choir Department, go to www.pchschoirs.com (bookmark it too!)

ILMEA



ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

ILMEA (Illinois Music Education Association) offers a district festival experience for Elementary through Senior High students in Illinois. For high school choir students, they can audition and be selected for All-State Choir, Honors Choir, 9/10 Honor Choir and Vocal Jazz.

The [ILMEA Composition Contest](#) is open to students in grades 6-12. All students entering the contest receive feedback on their musical work and high school students who are honored with 1st, 2nd or 3rd place can participate in the [All-State Composition Track](#).

The [Future Music Educators Seminar \(FMES\)](#) is a program to encourage high school students who are interested in music education as a career gain more practical understanding of the profession.

To be selected for any of the choral opportunities, students submit a virtual audition using prepared repertoire and tonal skills. Selected students participate in District IX Festivals in November and could have an opportunity to be selected to attend and perform at the IMEC (Illinois Music Education Conference) in Peoria, IL at the end of January.

Auditions for ILMEA Choir is offered for those in Concert Choir, since there is a limitation on how many nominations per voice part a director can make. For any freshmen or sophomore interested in the 9/10 Honor Choir, please see Mr. Rancatore for more information.

For more information on ILMEA, please visit www.pchschoirs.com