

Golden Eagle Advanced Choir Syllabus 2019-2020

Welcome Back to the World of Music!

San Elijo Middle School



Music Program

Introduction:

Golden Eagle Advanced Choir is a 7-8th grade elective at SEMS.

It is designed for students who have taken beginning choir or who have participated in vocal groups prior to this class. In


Golden Eagle Choir, students start to apply more complex musical concepts such as tuning, blend, and balance, and practice advanced level (2 & 3 part) music in a group ensemble. The class meets everyday. Golden Eagle Choir is considered a regularly scheduled core subject and all attendance and grading procedures apply.

Objectives of Performing Arts:

Students will be expected to demonstrate:

- a knowledge of music theory, including solfege, intervals, song mapping and how it is applied to vocal arts.
- the acquisition of technical skill to produce outstanding tone and ability in their chosen vocal range.
- a working knowledge of music vocabulary and symbol identification.
- knowledge of complex rhythms and how to count them with a steady beat.
- an ability to perform before an audience, and to demonstrate an understanding of, and skills in music performance techniques, including appropriate concert attire.

Tools for Success:

- Pencil
- Folder for Music (*generously provided by the Band Boosters*)
- Water for class
- Membership in the Google Classroom
- Knowledge of the www.semschoir.com website
- Concert Attire: Black Dress Shirt, Black Dress pants or skirt, Black socks or tights, Black dress shoes. Ladies may wear long black dresses with sleeves if they prefer. Ties may also be worn for flair.
- The Band app  (optional)

Grading:

Golden Eagle Choir Grades are based on the following breakdown:

- Concerts/Performances: 30%
- Singing Tests: 20%
- Class Rehearsal and Bringing Materials to Class: 50%

All choir students are expected to attend all performances as part of their semester grades.

If an emergency/conflict arises, students/parents must email their director ASAP.

****Participation and effort are the most important aspects of choir class.****

Behavior Expectations/Classroom Rules:

The Choir Room at SEMS is a special place where you are safe to grow and learn. The great behavior of our students is part of what makes this happen. We all make mistakes at one time or another, but the important thing is to correct and learn from these mistakes. As a music student, you are expected to follow the class rules at all times.

Class Rules:

- Respect Others
- Support Others
- Speak Appropriately
- No Food or Gum
- Learn and Improve

Not following classroom rules or exhibiting poor behavior can result in the following consequences:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Lowering of class rehearsal grade/citizenship grade
3. Parent Contact
4. AP Referral

Singing Tests

There will be singing tests during each semester. Students are expected to practice the assigned passages and be prepared for these assessments. Section leaders and directors are available for additional help. Students may submit the assessments via the Google Classroom, Band app, or email. Certain tests may also be conducted live.

Leadership

In Golden Eagle Choir, there are leadership opportunities for students. These include section leaders and Concertmaster. Section leaders are assigned on the basis of singing ability on music. At the director's discretion, there may be challenge opportunities for the section leader position. Concertmaster is a position that is elected by the choir class. There are no challenges for Concertmaster.

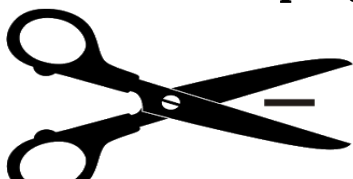
Our choir website is www.semschoir.com and is kept up to date with all events, details, forms and announcements. If you have further questions, please feel free to email your director:

Shannon McInnis shannon.mcinnis@smusd.org

My office is in Room 502. You can contact me via email, the Google Classroom, or though the Band app under the Golden Eagle Choir Class. 😊

Important Golden Eagle Choir Dates to Remember

- Trip to the SD Opera (at Civic Theater-Optional Trip) Thurs. Oct. 17th
- Choir Picture Day – Fri, October 18th (during class and after school)
 - Students must wear their concert attire as described in syllabus
- Winter Concert (held at SEMS) - Wed. Dec 11, 6:30pm
- Vocal Workshop (held at Disneyland-Optional Trip)-Sat. Jan 25, 2020
- SCVA Festival (Held at James Day M.S. in Temecula) TBA
- Music in the Parks Festival (held at Knott's Berry Farm-Optional Trip)-Sat. April 25, 2020
- Spring Concert (at SEMS) – May 20th, 2020 6:30 pm



Choir Member Agreement – Golden Eagle Choir

As a student and parent of the Golden Eagle Choir at San Elijo Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year, I confirm that I have read the syllabus for this class and agree to abide by all policies and rules expressed. I understand that this class is a performing arts class and that my attendance at performances is essential to the success of the entire ensemble.

Student Name(printed)

Period

Parent Name (printed)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please return this bottom portion to your class by Friday, August 23.
This is your first graded assignment! 😊