MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

MRSS Choral Program

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Crescente Concert Choir (8/9) Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 am Aurora Concert Choir (10-12) wed. & Fri. 7:00 am Silva Vocal Ensemble (9-12) Tues. 2:45 – 5:00 pm Novus Vocal Ensemble (9-12; Wale Chorus) Block B Caelum Choral (9-12; Women's Chorus) Block A

Welcome to the MRSS Choral Program! The MRSS Choral Program consists of five performance-based courses; Crescente Concert Choir, Aurora Concert Choir, Silva Vocal Ensemble, Novus Vocal Ensemble, and Caelum Chorale. Each course is designed to develop each student's individual musical skills, learn the responsibilities and value of being a member of a musical ensemble and to continue to foster a life-long love of music. You will have two amazing privileges this year: -to be affected- by performing music with a community of singers with the same goals and -to affect- and evoke emotion of those present in your audience.

Curricular Competencies

Although the subject of these courses is MUSIC (CHORAL), my role as an educator is not just to teach the subject area but to facilitate students to develop many of the competencies that will be part of your growth and development.

"The core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. The following are the curricular competencies of the new BC Curriculum."

(https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies)

Communication

- Connect/engage with others (to share and develop ideas)
- Acquire, interpret, and present information
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- Collaborate to plan, carry out, and review activities
- Reflect on experiences and accomplishments

Creative Thinking

- Novel and valued ideas
- Generating Ideas
- Developing Ideas

Critical Thinking

- Analyze and Critique
- Question and Investigate

Positive Personal and Cultural Identity

- Relationships and Cultural Contexts
- Personal Values and Choices
- Personal Strengths and Abilities

Personal Awareness and Responsibility

- Self-determination
- Self-regulation
- Well-being

Social Responsibility

- Contributing to community and caring for the environment
- Solving problems in peaceful ways
- Building relationships and valuing diversity

ASSESSMENT and EVALUATION

ASSESSMENT and EVALUATION will be on-going and discovered through your self-assessment and reflection as well as the teachers' observations on each students' individual rehearsal and performance practices and the development/progression of each student as an individual and his/her interaction and relationships with peers and mentors. The **curricular competencies** will be used as a **guide** for each individual student to determine a mark for the rehearsal skills and performance skills portions for your specific CHORAL MUSIC course. A reminder that these are performance-based classes and assessment is based on students attending the classes in order to be evaluated daily.

CRESCENTE Concert Choir

2019 – 2020 Season Ms. Oliverio

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- Pencil
- Highlighter
- Repertoire

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- ✓ Understand the importance and responsibility of each member's role as an individual singer and as a contributing voice in an ensemble
- Understand the concepts of blend and balance within sections and across the ensemble
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	provided), and keeping up to date with posted information (announcements, important dates,
	repertoire recordings, etc.).
10%	Service
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	department is achieved through every person lending a helping hand. For every music event
	and performance opportunity, students are recognized for aiding in set-up, stage crew, and
	clean-up.
10%	Sectionals
	In ensembles with complex voice divisions (SATB), additional rehearsals for individual
	sections are necessary to strengthen the choral harmony. Students are committed to attending
	all assigned sectionals (scheduled during FLEX blocks).
20%	Musicianship
	Throughout the year, students will strengthen their overall understanding and appreciation of
	music. Through the combination of effort during class (bringing all required materials: pencil,
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50%	Performances
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	ensemble performances, students enrichen learning opportunities by practicing preparation,
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AURORA Concert Choir

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SILVA Vocal Ensemble

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This performance ensemble is for senior choral students who enjoy singing challenging, unaccompanied repertoire of every style. This performance group will sing a variety of repertoire such as classical and contemporary music. The Chamber Choir will require students to learn the basics of a cappella in a comfortable group setting. Not only will students see an increase in performance skills and musicality, but also in self-confidence, presence, and the ability to work as part of a team. It is expected that students who take this course will also be enrolled in Concert Choir. Entry into the course will require a voice placement assessment.

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- Music Folder/Binder
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Music 8

Explorations in Music: Song & Ukulele

<u>Course Description:</u> Students will be led in an introduction to the healthy vocal-technique ukulele. Each class, students will be led through ensemble-building, a system of vocalization, and exploration of the ukulele through group instruction and independent practicing and playing.

Required Materials:

- **₽** Pencil
- Duotang or 3-Ring Binder

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand and practice healthy vocal technique
- Participate in ensemble singing
- Recognize and identify the parts of the ukulele and their uses
- Apply tuning techniques to achieve proper the desired tuning
- Develop the finger dexterity and strumming abilities needed to make music
- Read basic music for the ukulele
- Play through basic solo and popular songs using chord charts, lyrics, and time signatures

Evaluation:

30%	Attendance and Participation
	To cultivate a community of learners who feel safe and supported in their exploration of music, it is
	vital that all students arrive on time. This means that students are in place with their required materials
	and are ready to receive and contribute information in the classroom.
20%	Classwork
	Students will actively engage in music concepts. Assigned worksheets to reinforce understanding are
	expected to be completed and handed-in to Ms. Oliverio at the specified due date.
5%	Notebook
	Students are committed to bringing a pencil, duotang/binder, and lined paper to class. These items will
	be used to compile a repertoire notebook. All materials must be kept organized for accessibility –
	preparation is success!
10%	Playing Assessments
	Students will be routinely asked to demonstrate musical concepts and skill practiced in class.
20%	Musicianship
	Throughout the course, students will strengthen their overall understanding and appreciation of
	vocalization and the ukulele. Through the combination of effort during class (bringing all required
	materials: pencil, music, folder), improvement between classes, willingness to seek extra support if
	having trouble, leadership within the ensemble, and general music-ability based on assessments,
	students can be rewarded for their growth-process.
5%	Final One-On-One Assessment OR Performance

At the end of the rotation, students may demonstrate a personal goal for Ms. Oliverio. Music is a safe space where all growth is valued and recognized. If students feel comfortable, they may alternatively showcase their learning for their music community! Music is a transformative art-form that nurtures human connection. By performing for others, students enrichen learning opportunities by practicing preparation, collaboration, production, and dedication; all valuable skills reflected in this section.

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Classroom Behaviour:

The student is expected to demonstrate mature, polite behaviour; they are expected to support a safe learning space by:

- 1. Actively participating in class activities
- 2. Demonstrating care and respect for the music classroom and its instruments
- 3. Keeping food and beverages away during class time

If a student is struggling with these expectations and are unable to contribute to the safe and effective learning in the community, they will be given an initial notification. If the behaviour persists, they will write a reflection that will be discussed with Ms. Oliverio. Any further issues will result in a discussion with the student, parents, and Ms. Oliverio.

Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted during class time. Unless permission is granted by Ms. Oliverio, cell phones will burrow themselves in:

- a. The charging stations
- b. Your backpack
- c. On the grand piano

You will be given one verbal warning if the above is not followed. Should a second warning be necessary, your cell phone, electronic device, and/or headphones will be confiscated and held by Ms. Oliverio until after class. If a third time occurs, your device will be confiscated and held in the MRSS office and must be picked up by a parent.

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Choral Music: Student Aide

This course is for advanced music students who work well with other (generally younger) students enrolled in MRSS music courses. Student Aides will be assigned a specific class where they will work closely with individuals and small groups, as well as assist with office and administrative work. Student aides will gain skills in building relationships, cooperatively working with peers and adults, planning, leadership, and much more. Students in this course take on an instrumental role as a trusted mentor within the department; the hard work they do is vital to the longevity and success of the program.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Work diligently with individuals and small groups of musicians to understand and demonstrate musical concepts
- Aid Ms. Oliverio with various tasks to help drive the music program
- Cultivate a community of like-minded people who respect and celebrate the value of music

Evaluation:

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	(link provided), and keeping up to date with posted information.
45%	Assigned Tasks
	Depending on the class, student aides will take on specific tasks to help support learning in the
	classroom. Assigned tasks will be posted for student aides to complete: ie. photocopying
	repertoire, compiling "borrow" binders, organizing administrative information, assessing and
	supporting students who require extra support, etc.
45%	Attendance
	Student Aides are committed to their assigned class. As a peer mentor and teacher assistant,
	the presence of a student aid positively influences the dynamic of the classroom community;
	throughout the year, student aides are trusted to work closely with Ms. Oliverio and the
	students of the MRSS Music department.

Thank you for choosing to be a Student Aid this year! I look forward getting to know you and having you share your gifts with MRSS Music's young learners.

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