

# Annawan Junior High Choir

## Mr. Smaga

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Welcome to Choir! I am looking forward to this upcoming year. There are events and performances planned, and I truly hope that we can grow together as musicians and develop a true love for music!

### CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be in the classroom when the bell rings.
- Have your music ready and be seated 3 minutes after the bell to start rehearsal.
- NO chewing GUM or using your CELL PHONES in class.
- Be attentive when the teacher is talking.
- Handle music and school equipment with care.
- Give your best effort every day and have FUN!

### REQUIRED MATERIALS

- A Pencil
- Black Binder with Music

### OBJECTIVE

To create entertaining music for the audience, as well as, the performer, while implanting new and old musical concepts into each musical composition.

### GRADING

- 1) Active Participation in Rehearsal – 5 points per day

Active participation in rehearsal is defined as listed below:

- On time and ready to start as indicated
- Come prepared with a pencil and other required materials
- During rehearsal, you are focused, attentive, striving to improve, and playing your instrument when asked to.

Each student will receive Participation points for lessons which occur once a week during gym every other week

- 2) Singing Tests – 32 points per Singing Test
  - a. Sight Singing Exam (Once a month)
  - b. Rhythm Exam (Once a month)

\*Will be tested by assigned groups on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month  
\*See attached Rubric for grading

- 3) Performance Attendance – 100 Points

- Unexcused absences will result in a 0% for each mandatory performance. You are required to be at every mandatory band performance. If there is a conflict your parent **MUST** email me at least **1 WEEK** beforehand. If the absence is due to illness you must have a written note signed by your parent on the next school day. Additionally, failure to adhere to the dress code will lower your grade.

**2015-16 Choir Season**

\*Call time is when the students need to arrive for the Event

\*Every Event with a "+" before the date is mandatory for all band students

+ 10/14 Fall Concert (JrH Band and Choir, HS Choir) = 7:00pm

11/13 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

+ 12/8 Band and Choir Holiday Concert = 7pm (**Call Time 6:15pm**)

4/11 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

+ 5/4 Spring Concert = 7pm (Call time 6:15pm)

Please fill out the bottom sheet (please tear off bottom) and turn in by **Tuesday 8/18**

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am participating in Junior High Choir for the 2015-16 school year and have read through the Choir Syllabus and understand the class expectations and procedures.

Interested in A Cappella Choir: yes / no

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_