

Castle Choirs Audition Information

2023-24 school year

Concert Choir

- This is the only choral ensemble offered with an open enrollment process. All students with an interest in singing and performing are welcome to join. While no initial audition is required, students can be removed from the program at the director's discretion if they fail to demonstrate a positive work ethic and desire to improve daily.
- Concert choir involves one daily class period, four concerts, and one contest per year. Each concert requires one combined after-school rehearsal before. The only extra expense (outside of the \$20 per year choir class fee) is outfit purchase for girls and purchase/rental for boys, typically in the range of \$75-125, depending on the age and condition of the outfit.
- Students will study a variety of choral literature but will focus on the basic techniques of singing and reading music. Mainly standard and classic choral music will be rehearsed and performed.

Show Choirs

- Knightingales (girls' show choir) and Knight Sensations (mixed show choir) meet daily during the school day and perform at all choir concerts. Additionally, *numerous* activities outside the school day are required throughout the year as the groups are very involved in performances and activities around the community and state. In the fall and spring, the groups will typically rehearse one evening per week for two to three hours and focus on choreography during this time. During the holiday season, the groups are active in performances and functions for various events around the community.
- During competition season (winter), the groups rehearse two evenings a week, normally three hours in length, and have some Saturday daytime practices as well. The main focus is on competitions, which occur around the state of Indiana on Saturdays during the months of February and March. Overnight hotel stays and extensive traveling on weekends are required.
- Each student is responsible for a participation fee of approximately \$1,800 as determined by the booster board which covers all expenses for the year (such as costumes, professional choreography and musical arrangements, hotel and bus travel, etc.) with the exception of personal costs. Numerous opportunities are afforded the students to participate in fundraising activities to raise part or all of their fair share, depending on how hard they want to work.
- Parents are expected to participate in monthly Booster Club meetings to be kept up to date on current activities and to be willing to help with various tasks in keeping the organization running. These meetings occur at 7 p.m. on the second Monday evening of each month year-round, including summer months.

**** PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION RELATED TO THE SHOW CHOIR AUDITION PROCESS ****

SHOW CHOIR AUDITION TIMELINE

Boys' Recruitment Pizza Party - Wednesday, March 8 / 5-7 p.m.

Boys' Dance Clinic – Tuesday, March 14 / 3 - 5 p.m.

Girls' Dance Clinic – Wednesday, March 15 / 3 - 5 p.m.

Vocal Audition Clinic (for students who do not have their own song or are new to auditioning) – Thursday, March 16 / 6-6:45 p.m.

VOCAL AUDITIONS –

Monday, March 20 / 5:00 p.m.

DANCE AUDITIONS –

Tuesday, March 21 / 5:00 p.m.

Audition results will be e-mailed to you Friday, March 24.