



Welcome to CRMS Chorus 2020-21!

Mr. Bohrer, chorus teacher

I am SO glad to be your chorus teacher! We all know chorus in school will look very different this year, and I am thrilled that you have chosen to participate in what I hope will be a very fun learning environment. Singing is so good for us all, and I am incredibly grateful to the school district for giving us the opportunity to think creatively and be able to sing in a safe way. First and foremost, our job is to take care of each other!

What will CRMS Chorus be like this year? **Frequently Asked Questions**

In-Person Days

On your in-person days, we will be having our class in the CRMS Auditorium. When singing, we will be at 12' spacing, masked, to follow the guidelines set forth by NYS and PCSD. We will also sing outdoors when it is possible, masked at 12' spacing. For further questions about the guidelines, please visit the PCSD Music Department COVID-19 Guidelines posted on my teacher webpage.

Since we are only in-person two days a week (once if you're in band or orchestra), we will try to maximize the singing time we have!

At-Home Days

On days when you are learning from home, there will be assignments and/or instructions posted in Microsoft Teams for work to be completed during class time. These assignments are designed to enhance your singing skills and will include some music games, watching videos of singing, listening and responding, strengthening music skills, and use of technology such as Flipgrid. As we get going with chorus songs, part recordings will be uploaded so you can practice your chorus songs at home.

As with all classes, you must record your at-home attendance at the start of your chorus class. In Teams, navigate to Chorus and the form will be found under the Attendance Tab at the top.

Class instructions will be posted in the channel that you are part of (either Blue or Gold). You may have instructions in place of a formal assignment, so please look every class after signing in. Posts on Teams are viewable to all, so please only ask questions that are important to our classroom goals. If you log on and are confused with what to do, please send me a message by email or

posting on Teams. Most likely, I won't be able to answer right away as I am teaching in-person students at the same time so be patient!

Remote Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, we will gather together online for a short Zoom time. This is **required** for all students, and students will need to have their video turned on their device. We will follow the abbreviated Wednesday schedule:

Period 5 – 6th Grade Chorus: 10:20-10:35 Lunch, 10:35-10:55 Chorus

Period 7 – 7th and 8th Grade Chorus: 11:40-11:55 Lunch, 11:55-12:15 Chorus (both grades)

The meeting link will be posted Wednesday morning in your Team.

What if I'm also in Band or Orchestra?

We will be following a Day 1 and Day 2 schedule, but differently than in years past to account for the Hybrid learning. If you are in Band or Orchestra, you will ALWAYS have Chorus on Monday and Tuesday. You will 'go' to Band or Orchestra on Thursday and Friday. Every other Wednesday will be Day 1 for Chorus, starting with September 16. You are **not** responsible for any work assigned in Teams on the days you are in Band or Orchestra (but are welcome to do it as desired!) The setup of assignments in Teams may not allow for me to assign it to those who are Day 2 only.

What will I need for Chorus?

Each day you attend in-person chorus you should bring your Chorus folder back and forth from your Home Base, along with a pencil and a great attitude! Singing at a 12' distance is awkward and weird, yes, but if everyone tries their best we will make it super fun.

What about concerts?

At this time, there are no public concerts scheduled for this year. We will revisit and revise those plans in accordance with guidance given throughout the year. What we WILL do is record our student groups and share those performances with families at different intervals throughout the year. Stay tuned for more!

Will I need a "Pittsford Music" Polo Shirt this year?

No, not at this time. We will address it again if the need arises.

How can I reach you?

My email is Brian_Bohrer@pittsford.monroe.edu Please let me know how I can support you and your singing this year!!

Thank you for being part of our chorus! We will make the best of this strange year and have fun!

Sincerely,
Mr. Bohrer

