



Dear Choral Department Family,

My name is Tammie Combs and welcome to the SCHS Choral Program. If you are new to the Choral Department, "Welcome," and if you are returning, "Welcome home". As a Choir, we are given the opportunity to perform some of the most amazing music written. I am committed to doing my part to create an environment that is safe for expression, positive for creativity, and structured to challenge us all. I ask you to do the same by bringing your heart and mind, willing to go above and beyond. Parents, I want to encourage you to be an active member of our Choral program as well. There are many opportunities for you to come along side your students and others to support our program. I am excited to work with you and for you to make this one of the best programs in Osceola County! Students, please take Chorus Guide home and read it with your parents. It contains the rules and procedures that you and your parents will be expected to follow throughout the year. It will also be the best resource to answer questions! Here's to an amazing Year!

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MEMBERSHIP EXPLANATION

The membership of the Saint Cloud Choral Department is drawn from the student body of SCHS. Regardless of how you come to the program, your commitment to excellence and willingness to be part of the artistic process is necessary for us all to succeed

EVERY CHOIR STUDENT NEEDS:

- 1 INCH BLACK BINDER
- PENCILS/HIGHLIGHTERS
- NOTEBOOK PAPER

PARENTS! WE NEED YOU!

Parent Booster Meetings are the **2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 in the SCHS Choir Room. (unless noted - see Calendar).** We plan events, coordinate chaperones and fundraise with and for the students. There are opportunities for volunteer hours for you as well! Please come be a part of our Booster Family!

UNIFORM RESPONSIBILITIES

CONCERT UNIFORMS are issued for all choir except Concert Choir. Those students wear all black. For other choirs - If a uniform is lost, damaged, or misplaced, the student is responsible for replacing it at their expense. Students showing up to a performance without the correct attire will be asked to leave and will not receive ANY CREDIT for the performance grade.

GENTLEMEN - Must have ALL the pieces to their uniform including: Black Pants, Black Vest, Tie, White Collared Dress Shirt (Long Sleeved), Black Socks, Black DRESS SHOES

LADIES - Must have ALL the pieces to their uniform including: Black Dress, Black CLOSED TOE Dress Shoes & tights, hose, or knee highs. Small earrings no larger than the size of a nickel are allowed and pearls will be provided

FINANCES

Fees for the 2023 - 2024 SCHS School Year are:

Returning Chorus Members: \$65.00

New Chorus Members: \$85.00

What Do Your SCHS Choral Fees Cover???

- ❖ Uniforms for all Choir Members
- ❖ Purchasing of music and materials for performances
- ❖ Helps to cover SOME of the transportation and registration fees necessary to participate in district and state events

PAYMENT INFORMATION for SCHS CHORAL FEES NOTICE! ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE ONLINE!

HERE'S THE LINK AND INFORMATION! If you are already using myschoolbucks, the site will take you to our account. If not, follow these directions:

- Have your Parent/Student log onto our school website (Osceolaschools.net/schs)
- Click on "Online Purchases"
- Click "My School Bucks"
- Click "Chorus Fees"
- All instructions are on that page along with all the items that are available to purchase.

If payment is paid in full, dues **MUST** be collected by September 19, 2023.

ALL FEES must be collected by December 15, 2023, or your student will be put on obligation for the 2nd Semester until paid.

A **PAYMENT PLAN** can be set up for those who need time.

If this is something you need to do, you will need make contact with Mrs. Combs to do the appropriate paperwork and track your payments.

If there is ever a financial situation in which a payment needs to be a few days late, the parent/guardian needs to contact Mrs. Combs to discuss the situation so that a solution can be met.

GRADING POLICY

FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!!!!

Every SCHS Choral Student is graded on the following:

- ❖ Weekly Practice – Combs Code of Ethics 1 Daily Point = 5 points a week = 50%
PASS OR FAIL THE WEEK DEPENDING ON YOUR CHOICES IN REHEARSAL!
- ❖ Participation in ALL Performances/Formal Assessments 100 Pts. per performance = 20%
- ❖ Exams/assessments (Vocal & Written) Points determined by assignment = 30% An unexcused absence for performance/assessments **CANNOT** be made up! Students will receive a zero for each unexcused absence! Unexcused absence is **ANYTHING** that was not planned prior to the school and choir calendar, where the student chooses to miss.
- ❖ **ARRIVE ON TIME AND PREPARED FOR CLASS**