

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Show Choir IMPACT 2021-2022

## Audition Information

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT IMPACT SHOW CHOIR**

IMPACT is an auditioned group of students who perform pop music with added choreography, staging, and costumes. IMPACT will participate in area show choir competitions on weekends in January and February. **Students are required to be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir to participate in show choir as a singer/dancer.** Costume fees for next year will be determined in the fall but will not exceed \$200 per student. Please don't hesitate to audition if finances are a concern for you, as the JMS Vocal Department may be able to help out based on the individual circumstances.

IMPACT 2021-2022 Rehearsal Schedule begins in September. 8<sup>th</sup> grade rehearsals will be at 7:00 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternating Fridays. There will be a few afternoon/evening Friday, Saturday, or Sunday choreography rehearsals this fall and extra rehearsals will be scheduled in November, December, and January as needed. These rehearsal times will be determined based on the schedules of our choreographers. IMPACT competes at three-four competitions in the area throughout January and February, as well as a few concerts from December through March. Please understand that being a part of IMPACT requires a large commitment from the students as well as parents. Members are expected to make performances/competitions a priority, so please make sure you are ready to fully commit to this group before trying out.

The audition process will consist of TWO auditions: Vocal and Choreography. This year, we are using choreography and vocal excerpts from the Fusion show that students have been working on since March. If a student is not in 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir or did not participate in Fusion this year, but would like to audition for IMPACT, they will be expected to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" instead of the song that choir members have learned in class, and learn the choreography from the teaching video provided on Moodle.

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### **Details about Choreography Auditions**

All students will audition on a section of choreography from this year's Fusion show. A practice video of this choreography can be found on Mrs. Hendrickson and Mr. Shivers' Moodle pages. Students will then record themselves performing the choreo and submit via email to Mrs. O'Leary. The audition submission window is May 5 – May 15. ALL recordings MUST be submitted no later than May 15 in order to be considered.

### **Details about Vocal Auditions**

Students will sing an excerpt of a song they have been learning for the Fusion show. The excerpt is included in this information packet. VOCAL AUDITIONS WILL BE SUNG A CAPPELLA (without piano.) Students may prepare with a private voice teacher, a parent, or on their own. However, students may NOT ask Mrs. Hendrickson or Mr. Shivers for assistance.

**Vocal Audition:** The vocal audition is done one student at a time. Students will be assigned a vocal audition time during their choir class. (Vocal auditions are done individually and privately NOT in front of the class.)

## Summarized Audition Schedule

**Saturday, May 1 – Permission to audition email deadline**

**Wednesday, May 5 – Choreo Audition Video Submission window opens**

**Saturday, May 15 – ALL Choreo Audition Video Recordings DUE**

**Mon. May 24 - Thurs. May 27 - Vocal Auditions at Summit during class (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Period)**

**Friday, May 28 at 4:00 pm - Results posted on Summit Vocal Music Moodle pages**

## Permission to Audition

*In order to audition, I need a parent/guardian of each student to email their permission.  
**Please email this to me by Saturday, May 1 to: [jorie.oleary@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:jorie.oleary@johnston.k12.ia.us)***

*See below for details on the permission to audition email:*

- In the subject heading, please type your CHILD'S LAST NAME.
- In the body of the email, please label and provide the following information:

- 1.) Child's First AND Last Name
- 2.) Male or Female
- 3.) Parents Names
- 4.) Phone Number
- 5.) What class period do you have choir: 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4B, etc.
- 6.) Do you have any conflicts for choreography auditions on Thursday May 23? Between 6 and 8 PM, what time frame WOULD work for you?
- 7.) If you are chosen for show choir, what email address/es would you like me to include in emails next year?

### EXAMPLE

SUBJECT: Miller

(body of email):

- 1.) Student: Suzy Miller
- 2.) Female
- 3.) Parents: Tom and Lisa Miller
- 4.) Phone Number: 515-333-4444
- 5.) I have choir 3A
- 6.) I have dance class from 6-7; please schedule me after 7:20 p.m.
- 7.) [tom.miller@gmail.com](mailto:tom.miller@gmail.com) and [lisa.miller@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.miller@gmail.com)

***I look forward to meeting all of you! Please email me if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you!***

***Jorie O'Leary***

**[jorie.oleary@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:jorie.oleary@johnston.k12.ia.us)**