

Newsome High School



Chorus Handbook 2018-2019

Points of Contact for the Year:

Website: www.newsomechorus.net

Facebook: search for **Newsome Chorus** and hit "like" to receive updates.

Text: Send the message "@chorusfam" to the number 81010 to join our "Remind Group."

Email: Be sure to fill out your handbook forms to be added to the email list. Newsomechorus@gmail.com

Questions: email us at newsomechorus@gmail.com

Financial Questions: email the Treasurer at JLA6130@aol.com

Edsby: Check for details about grades & concerts

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Newsome High School Choral department. It is my privilege to continue to see the Newsome High School Chorus grow and develop in its fifteenth year. I am excited to work with everyone to continue to build a strong program that maintains a standard of excellence.

Music classes are unique in that every student must work together to achieve a quality end product. Unlike a math class where if each student does their best, they will be rewarded, the reward in music comes when students not only do their best, but work to help others to achieve their best. This is also what a good leader does. I encourage every student to become a leader and regularly examine how their actions are benefiting themselves as well as the group.

One of my goals each year is to create many opportunities for the different choirs to perform together. We will be having the thirteenth annual Newsome High School Choral Retreat. **The retreat will take place on Saturday, August 18th at 11:30am (immediately following Ready, Set, Sing!) in the music building at Newsome.** It will finish that afternoon at 5pm. The retreat will include games, food, fun, and rehearsal of movement and music. Last year's retreat was a huge success and the kids really enjoyed themselves. They were able to show off their creativity while getting to know their fellow chorus students. I **strongly** encourage **all** students to attend this exciting event.

The purpose of this handbook is to help inform parents and students about the policies and procedures that will be in place, as well as dates to put on the calendar. I will be more than happy to discuss any issue, good or bad, which may arise throughout the year. Please feel free to contact me by phone at **740-4600 ext: 315**, or by email: **jeffry.bogue@sdhc.k12.fl.us** any time and if need be we can set up an appointment to meet.

For the most up to date information regarding concerts, trips, and other information please refer to the chorus website (www.newsomechorus.net) or our **Facebook page** (search for Newsome Chorus and hit LIKE). Important information is also distributed via **email**, **Remind 101** text messaging, and **Edsby**. Additionally, **newsomechorus@gmail.com** should be utilized for any and all questions pertaining to chorus events, while financial questions should be sent to **JLA6130@aol.com**. Our website will contain this handbook as well as all the updated forms that will be used throughout the year. The majority of communication is done through email/Facebook. Emails will be sent to all parents regarding information on concerts, forms, trips, and events. Please ensure you provide your email address on all forms specified.

This year we will have a great time, learn many new things from each other, and create spectacular performances. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bogue
Choral Director
Newsome High School

Newsome Chorus Syllabus

Instructor Jeff Bogue

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Office 205 A

E-mail Jeffry.bogue@sdhc.k12.fl.us

Office Hours Scheduled by appointment

Purpose: The purpose of this class is to foster the development of healthy vocal production, expressive performance, and rehearsal etiquette, as well as understand the value of working with other members of society to achieve a common goal.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop a singing technique with students that is healthy, supported and beautiful.
2. To develop the skills needed to be expressive and dynamic performers.
3. To develop the self-discipline needed to be a contributing member of choral rehearsals and performances.
4. To have a knowledge and understanding of musical theory and sight singing, beyond just the basic "facts".
5. To begin to exist and contribute respectfully to a group.
6. To develop into strong leaders.

Materials:

1. Pencil (not pen)
2. Folder
3. Uniform (see "Participation/Uniform Information Sheet" form)
4. Great Attitude!!

Grading Criteria:

Grading Scale: A= 90-100%

B= 80-89%

C= 70-79%

D= 60-69%

F= below 60%

15% Evaluations: Evaluations may come in many forms and include: verbal responses, written quizzes, entries in the music journal, sight reading quizzes, song checks, and various other ways for me to assess comprehension.

30% Class work grade: The class work grade is a very important component because most of what is done in class involves rehearsal and group participation. **Regular attendance in class is crucial to maintaining a passing grade.** Absences from class affect not only the individual who is absent but also the entire ensemble. An absence necessitates repeating educational instruction when the student returns, as well as eliminating the opportunity to develop blend, balance, and precision with the other students in the ensemble. Class work grades will be given once a week and will range anywhere from 0- excessive absences or no participation, to 15- fully engaged participation and attendance every day of that week.

40% Extra Rehearsals and Performance: Because the nature of this class is that it is performance based, it is vital that students attend the concert properly dressed and prepared, as well as all rehearsals outside of class. As a co-curricular course, rehearsals and performances outside of class time are part of the educational process. Absences from rehearsals and performances affect not only the individual who is absent but also the entire ensemble. After school rehearsals are mandatory (necessary to coordinate the logistics of a concert /show) but infrequent and any student unable to attend will not be allowed to perform in the concert or show which will impact the final grade. If a student becomes suddenly ill and must miss a concert or a show, a doctor's note is required on the day of the students return. In rare circumstances, it may be necessary for a student to miss a performance (ie- wedding, funeral). In these cases, advanced notice should be given. Sports, concerts, work, vacations, etc. are not valid reasons to miss a performance. Students must be on time for all activities, especially performances. Learning to be early (on time) now will go a long way towards establishing a life skill that will help students to be successful adults. Please make every effort to consult the attached calendar when planning your year.

15% Midterm/Exam: The county provides the schools with a music exam that corresponds to the number of years a student has been involved in a high school music program. The exam will simply be a way for me to measure progress from year to year.

Classroom Rules and Expectations:

- Students are expected to follow **all** school rules and policies while in class.
- No food or drinks (except water) are allowed in the classroom.
- Students will be in their seats with their folder working on the assignment when the bell rings.

Choral Handbook Student/Parent Statement of Agreement

We have read the contents of this handbook and understand what is expected of students. We agree to comply with its policies and understand that its purpose is for the better organization and benefit of the choral program.

In addition, we agree to check the Newsome Chorus website and/or Facebook page on a regular basis, and/or we have provided a valid email address on the forms provided in the First Day Packet, so that we can receive email notification of event changes or updates.

This form needs to be signed and turned in to Mr. Bogue by Saturday, August 18th at Ready, Set, Sing!

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Newsome Chorus Calendar

2018-2019

Dates **bolded** in "Students Involved" column are mandatory events for all chorus students

Date	Event	Location	Time	Who's Involved
August				
18	Ready, set, sing!	Newsome	9am-11am	All
18	Chorus Retreat	Newsome	11:30 - 5pm	All
20-30	Chorus T-Shirt Sales	Newsome		All
27	Newsome's Got Talent Auditions	Newsome	2:15-4pm	Optional
29	Chorus Parent Info Meeting	Newsome	7:00pm	All
30	Chorus T-Shirt Money Due	Newsome	by 3:30pm	optional
31	All-State Money / Paperwork Due	Newsome	by 3:30pm	Optional
September				
4	Program Ads due for Fall Concert	Newsome	by 3:30pm	Optional
5	Newsome's Got Talent	Newsome	6:30pm	Optional
10	Candlelight Audition Recording *	Newsome	3-4pm	Optional*
13	ACDA Audition Recording	Newsome	3-5pm	Optional
17	All-State Musicianship Test	Middleton HS	4:00-8pm	Optional
21	A Voice for Peace Invitational	University of South Florida	2-6pm	Optional
21-22	Voices United Choral Invitational	University of Tampa	9:30-2:30	Optional
25	Final dress payment due	Newsome		AL/C Girls
26	Fall Chorus Concert feat. Randall Encore	Newsome	6:30pm	All
27-29	Jacksonville Sings - UNF Honor Choir	University of North Florida		optional
October				
2	On the Radio Auditions	Newsome	in class	Optional
4	Randall Chorus Concert feat. ELITE / Chamber	Newsome	6:30pm	ELITE /Cham
15	All-State Vocal Test	Middleton HS	4-8pm	Optional
TBA	Barbershop Harmony Day	Van Dyke UMC Lutz	8am-3pm	Optional
24	"On the Radio" Concert	Newsome	6:30pm	All
26-27	Florida ACDA State Honor Choir	Stetson Univ - Deland	TBD	Optional
November				
5	All-County Auditions	Freedom HS	3-8pm	Optional
9	Veterans Day Concert	Newsome	6pm	Chamber
13	Poinsettia Sales Begin	Newsome		Optional
29-30	Madrigal Dinners	Limona UMC-Brandon	6:30-8:30pm	Chamber/Opt.
December				
4	Poinsettia Sale Money Due	Newsome	by 3:30pm	Optional
13	Winter Chorus Concert	Newsome	6:30pm	All
15	ELITE performs at Twin Lakes	Twin Lakes	6pm	ELITE
17-21	Solo/Ensemble money due on exam day	Newsome	exam time	Optional

January				
10-12	Florida All-State Honor Choir	Convention Center - Tampa	TBD	AS Singers
24	All-County Rehearsal	Gaither HS	5-9pm	AC Singers
29	Masterworks Concert	TBD	6pm	Chamber
31-Feb 1	Hillsborough All-County Honor Choir	Gaither HS	TBD	AC Singers
February				
8-9	Solo/Ensemble Performance Assessment	Blake HS	TBD	Opt/ ELITE
14	Valenchimes	Newsome	in class	ELITE
March				
7	Pre-MPA Workshop	Newsome	3:15-5:15pm	All
13-14	Music Performance Assessment (MPA)	1st Baptist Brandon	TBD	All
11	Great Britain "Send-off" Concert	Newsome	6:30pm	GB Singers
15-23	Newsome Chorus in Great Britain!!	Great Britain, U.K.	TBD	GB Singers
April				
2	Showcase of Showchoirs - Act 1	Bloomingdale HS	6:30pm	ELITE
4	Showcase of Showchoirs - Act 2	Bloomingdale HS	6:30pm	Shades of Blue
6	State Solo / Ensemble MPA	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	TBA	Opt/ ELITE
22-26	State MPA	Lakeland	TBA	Optional
May				
9	Spring Chorus Concert	Newsome	6:30pm	All
10	Senior Recital Auditions	Newsome	in class	Optional
17	Chorus Awards Night / Senior Recital	Newsome	TBA	All
21-22	Chamber / Elite Auditions	Newsome	3:10-6:30pm	Optional

*This rehearsal is mandatory for those students wishing to attend candlelight.

Please note that while I have tried my best to provide as much information as possible for the year, sometimes things change. Please check your emails from newsomechorus@gmail.com in order to stay up to date with all activities.



Newsome Chorus Boosters Membership Application

2018-2019 School Year

Newsome Chorus is counting on your booster membership to help support the many events your child will be involved with this school year. Hillsborough County Schools covers only a small percentage of the expenses involved in running this program. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

Basic Membership Levels

Patron Membership
\$25

Car Magnet
Name in Programs

Performer Membership
\$50

One Parent Chorus T-Shirt
Car Magnet
Name in Programs

Premium Membership Levels

(includes preferred seating options)

Soloist Membership
\$75

Two Parent Chorus T-Shirts
Car Magnet
Name in Programs
Two Event Tickets*
Preferred Concert Seating
(up to 2 people)

Director Membership
\$100

Two Parent Chorus T-Shirts
Car Magnet
Name in Programs
Four Event Tickets*
Preferred Concert Seating
(up to 4 people)

*Event tickets can be used for Newsome's Got Talent or On The Radio shows only.

Booster Member Information

Name as it is to appear in programs (ex: "The Singalot Family" or "Jon and Kim Singalot"):

Parents' Names _____

Student's Name _____

Parent Email _____ Parent Cell: _____

Parent Booster Member T-Shirt Order

1 included with Performer, 2 included with Soloist, and 2 included with Director Memberships. Additional shirts are \$10 each.

Please enter your quantity next to the size you wish to order.

___ Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___ Adult XL ___ Adult XXL (add \$3)

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating concerts & events | <input type="checkbox"/> Student T-Shirt Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Madrigal Dinner (Nov/Dec) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Video-taping concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Madrigal Costume Alterations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaperoning field trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsome's Got Talent (Sept) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Sizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Concessions | <input type="checkbox"/> On The Radio Pop Show (Nov) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Programs | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Talents _____ | | |

Forms and payment are due by August 30th, 2018.

Please make checks payable to **Newsome Chorus Boosters**.

Treasurer use Only – Please do not write in this space

Amount _____ Check #: _____ Date received: _____

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FIELD TRIP MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

This form is used for recording parental permission for medical and/or surgical treatment in case of medical concerns on a field trip. **A notarized signature is required for an overnight or out-of-state field trip.**

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Student #: _____

Location of Field Trip: _____ Date(s) of Field Trip: _____

As the parent and/or legal guardian of (*print student name*): _____, I authorize Hillsborough County Public Schools, its agents, employees, and other officers to procure and consent to any medical emergency treatment, including hospital care, to be rendered to my child by or under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. The parent/legal guardian is responsible for any fees or costs. My signature below represents consent and agreement to the matters stated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF _____

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature of Notary: _____ Print Name: _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

Student's Address: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone (Day): _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____ Phone (Evening): _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone (Day): _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____ Phone (Evening): _____

Family Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Physician Address (street, city, state): _____

Check any health conditions that apply (if none, leave blank). Allergies Asthma Diabetes Seizures
Heart condition Other (please describe): _____

Medications prescribed: _____

Hospital preference: _____

NOTE: In the event of an emergency medical situation, the chaperone/teacher will call 911 and all attempts will be made to contact the student's parent/guardian regarding the emergency.



Student Media Release Form

Date: _____

School: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Throughout the school year, the media may visit your child's school to cover special events. Hillsborough County Public Schools also may wish to interview, photograph, or videotape your child for promotional and educational reasons to utilize in publications, posters, brochures, and newsletters; on the Internet, radio, or television; or for other special district events. Before your child can participate in any of the above activities, you must give your permission by signing and returning this media release form to your child's school.

- I give my permission** for my child to be interviewed, photographed, or videotaped for use in school/district publications, school district productions, or for use on the Internet or by the general news media for print, broadcast, or on websites; and for his/her name to be published in school/district publications, on the Internet, or in news publications or broadcasts.
- I do not give my permission** for my child to be interviewed, photographed, or videotaped for use in school/district publications, or for use by the general news media for print, broadcast, or on websites; nor for his/her name to be published in school/district publications, on the Internet, or in news publications or broadcasts.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name (*please print*): _____

Date: _____



Fundraising Information

2018-2019 School Year

Students are provided with many fundraising opportunities throughout the school year to help offset the cost of the spring trip and other expenses. Below is a list of some of the fundraising programs Newsome Chorus will make available this year, and the portion of sales that directly benefit students. Participation is voluntary.

Fundraiser	Time Frame	Student Portion
Program Ad Sales	Until September 4	25%
Corporate Sponsorships	Until September 4	50%
Fancloth Custom Apparel	Early Fall	Approx 40%
Student T-Shirts	August 20-30	\$3/shirt
Cheesecake Sales	September	Approx. 40%
Poinsettia Sales	November 13-December 4	\$3/plant
Additional Fundraiser	January	TBD

STUDENTS – Give your parents a break – make this the year you participate in fundraisers and make it your goal to go on the spring chorus trip for FREE! It's easier than you think! Consider this scenario...

Sell this...	Earn this...
Gold Sponsor (Businesses LOVE to get involved!)	\$150
Full Page Program Ad (ads are not required to be only from businesses – your parents can place an ad to celebrate you!)	\$50
10 Student T-shirts (you need to sell a minimum of 5 shirts to get your name on the back, but why stop there??)	\$30
10 Poinsettias (decorate the neighborhood!)	\$30
10 Fancloth Custom Items	\$40
10 Cheesecake's (mmm...Cheesecake!!)	\$80
Additional (TBD, but who doesn't like cool stuff??)	??
Total earned with little effort	over \$380!!

The trip to Great Britain is expensive, but imagine how happy your parents will be when they find out you've shaved more than \$380 off the cost of your trip! Not going on the trip? Why not use your funds to do a solo at solo/ensemble, or pay for your participation fee? Or even save up now for next year's trip!



CONCERT PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT and SPONSORSHIP SALES

Dear Future Advertiser:

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Newsome Chorus program through purchasing an advertisement in our concert programs.

Newsome Chorus Boosters is a non-profit organization and exists to foster, promote, and publicize the importance of music education within Newsome High School and the surrounding community. Our goal is to help create an environment where team and individual excellence in musicianship can be achieved.

Your advertisement will not only help the Newsome Chorus Boosters in our mission, you will also be gaining a valuable marketing tool. Each of our concerts attracts nearly 600 patrons from the area, and all audience members receive a program and see your ad. At each concert we make sure to highlight the assistance that our advertisers and sponsors provide to the Newsome Chorus program. In addition, you will also be assisting the choral students by directly offsetting the cost of their spring performance trip to Great Britain in 2019!

Attached to this sheet is the price breakdown for different size ads. Should you need any help or assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at newsomechorus@gmail.com.

If you are willing to do something more to help with our mission, please consider one of our sponsorship options. Each sponsorship comes with benefits, including a complimentary program ad. The details are attached.

Information on Newsome Chorus Boosters, current fundraisers, advertisement forms, sponsorship forms, and upcoming concert dates can be found on our website at www.NewsimeChorus.net and on our Facebook page.

We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
Jeff Bogue
Director, Newsome Chorus
Newsome High School
16550 Fishhawk Blvd.
Lithia, FL 33547



CONCERT PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

Student Name _____

In an effort to raise funds for our talented students to perform in a performance tour of Great Britain in the spring of 2019, the Newsome Chorus Boosters have selected Program Advertising as a fundraiser. The success of program advertising enabled many of our chorus students to travel to Ireland, where the five Newsome High School choirs enjoyed singing in some of the most spectacular churches in the world. They were recognized for their notable contribution to musical excellence. It was a truly magical experience that will provide a lifetime of memories.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to advertise in our 2018-2019 Newsome Chorus Concert Series programs. Performances are held in the fall, winter, and spring during the school year. Twenty five percent of proceeds from each program ad is applied toward the student's annual trip and/or can be utilized for their uniform expenses as well.

Please make your advertising selection from the options below:

	All 3 Programs	Single Program Only
Full page (4½ x 7½)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
2/3 page (4½ x 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
Business Card 1/3 page (4½ x 2½)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Back Cover Full Page (Color)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	First come, first serve
ORDER DEADLINE	September 4th	Send email to newsomechorus@gmail.com for Winter/Spring deadlines.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to Newsome Chorus Boosters.

*Email ads (hard copies will not be accepted) in **modifiable JPEG or PDF format** to newsomechorus@gmail.com by **September 4, 2018**. No late submissions accepted.*

Thank you for your support!

Treasurer use only. Please Do Not Write in this Space

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Amount _____ Check # _____ Date Received _____



SPONSORSHIP SALES

Thank you for your support of our students and the chorus program. You are cordially invited to our concerts held at Newsome High School Auditorium. Dates and times are available on our website.

Purpose: To recognize the contributions of businesses, organizations, and private individuals whose generous financial support has contributed to the development of the choral program at Newsome High School.

Student sales of Newsome Chorus Booster Sponsorships assist students in defraying their music activity participation expense(s). Fifty percent of the proceeds of each sponsorship is applied toward the student's annual trip and/or can be utilized for their uniform expenses as well.

	Gold - \$300	Silver - \$250	Bronze - \$200
Three free Concert Program Ads (one per program)	Full Page	2/3 Page	1/3 Page
Car Magnet	Yes	Yes	Yes
Your website link on www.newsomechorus.net	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reserved Seating at Home Concerts	Four Seats	Two Seats	Two Seats
Event Tickets –May be used only for Newsome's Got Talent & On the Radio	Four Event Tickets	Two Event Tickets	Two Event Tickets

SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT

In support of the choral program at Joe E. Newsome High School, I/we, _____ have elected to be come a:

GOLD Sponsor

SILVER Sponsor

BRONZE Sponsor

The benefits of Sponsorship have been presented by Newsome student _____. I understand that a large portion of the sponsorship donation will be applied toward this student's account with the Newsome Chorus Boosters for his/her trip, uniform, and other expenses directly related to this student's music education.

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

Authorized Representative Printed Name

Sponsor Street Address

Sponsor Daytime Phone

Sponsor City, State, Zip

Sponsor Web Address

Sponsor/Representative Email Address

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Amount _____ Check # _____ Date Received _____



Handbook Checklist

2018-2019 School Year

Please ensure you complete and turn in the following forms by Ready, Set, Sing! On August 18th from 9am-11pm.

- Handbook Agreement Form**, signed by parent and student
- Media Release Form**
- Medical Release Form (notarized)**
- Booster Membership Form**
- Corporate Sponsorship/Program Ad Sales Form (due by September 5th)**
- Participation/Uniform Information Sheet (with payment)**
- Uniform Deposit (if applicable)**

***Bolded items are required**