

# Twin Peaks Middle School Choir 2016-2017

Welcome to Choir! This is our second year as directors of the Twin Peaks Choir. We are parents who volunteered to keep the Choir going at Twin Peaks because we saw how much the students enjoyed singing. Music is very important to us, and we felt it would be a real loss to Twin Peaks if your voices could not be heard. We have committed our time and our talents to making this the best choir we can, and as a member of the choir we are expecting you to do the same. We're all in this together, and together we will make some good music and have some fun along the way! Ms. Jessica Schemmel, the choir director at Poway High, is going to help us out as she can, so that you will be best prepared to continue on to choir in High School.

Here's what we expect of you:

1. **Be Respectful** to each other and to your directors. Everyone makes mistakes, everyone is here to learn. We help each other. We work together to make the whole group sound and look great. You can't do that if you are talking out of turn or goofing off during rehearsals or performances.
2. **Be Reliable:** You're making a commitment to the whole group, because a performance is only as good as what everyone puts into it. Be here each rehearsal - Tuesday & Friday - on time at 7:20 a.m. We'll understand if you are ill or away, but if you miss more than three rehearsals we will ask you to prove you know the music before allowing you to perform in the concerts. Being at rehearsal is very important. If you're getting over a cold or can't sing for a day but are well enough to attend school, you should still attend rehearsal to listen and learn from the 'quarantined' section (theater seats).
3. **Be Ready:** We know it's early in the morning, but we have a limited time to rehearse before we have to perform. So be ready with your best attitude, 100% attention, and 110% effort for the whole 50 minutes.

There are no letter grades for Choir. **BUT** your effort will show at the concerts, and your family, friends, and teachers will see and hear it. Work to make them proud. But most importantly, work to be proud of yourself. We will do everything we can to help you succeed. If you are not sure of your part, ask us and we'll help you learn it.

## A Note to Parents:

We are volunteering our time and resources to make this choir happen, but we can't do it all alone. We will sincerely appreciate any help you are able to give, whether it is time, talent, or financial if needed. We do almost all our communication via email. Please be sure to read the "Choir Notes" emailed home each week.

**Expenses:** There will be a \$25 per student fee for choir this year. This amount includes the choir polo shirt and some money to cover our expenses. If this is a concern, please speak to us. Throughout the year there may be some additional costs, but we will work to keep them to the absolute minimum. Several concerts are held at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts in conjunction with the Poway High School Choirs. These concerts will require tickets to be purchased for admission. Again, at any time if there is a concern, please contact us.

Concert dress will be the choir polo shirt, long black pants (preferably not jeans), black socks and black dress shoes for all students.

You can reach us at [TPMSChoirDirs@gmail.com](mailto:TPMSChoirDirs@gmail.com). The Choir website is <http://www.TPMSChoir.Wordpress.com>.

Sincerely, John & Pat Whitson, Directors

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I have read, understand, and agree to what is expected of Choir members.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_