



**2016-2017**

**Waller Junior High  
School**

**Choir Handbook**

## Ensemble Descriptions

### **A. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Treble Choir:**

This performing ensemble is for treble singers. This choir is structured to cater to the needs of the young developing voice of the treble voice. This ensemble is set to help the newer singers successfully transition into the higher level ensembles through exposure to different languages and styles. This class will also promote proper vocal health and growth.

### **B. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Combined Advanced Women's Choir:**

This ensemble is comprised of chosen, advanced female singers amongst the seventh and eighth grade level. This choir is structured for advanced level musical literature and advanced learning of musical expression styles and forms. This ensemble helps expose the young women to different languages and styles. In addition, this class will promote proper vocal health and growth while preparing them for their concerts throughout the school year, the UIL contest in the spring and for their future high school choral experiences.

### **C. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Combined Intermediate Women's Choir:**

This ensemble is comprised of female singers amongst the seventh and eighth grade levels. This choir is structured for Intermediate level musical literature and learning of musical expression styles and forms. This ensemble helps expose the young women to different languages and styles. In addition, this class will promote proper vocal health and growth while preparing them for their concerts throughout the school year and for their future high school choral experiences.

### **D. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Men's Choir and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Men's Choir:**

These choirs are structured for Intermediate musical level literature and learning of musical expression styles and forms. This ensemble helps expose the young men to different languages and styles. In addition, this class will promote proper vocal health and growth while preparing them for their concerts throughout the school year their future high school choral experiences.

## E. **Beginning Choir:**

This choir consists of students from sixth grade who are interested in music in general. This class is structured to showcase students' ability not only with singing but with learning about the components and styles of music. Students will perform various styles of music from different cultures while also being taught vocal techniques which will help prepare them for future choral experiences.

## **Rules and Expectations**

### **Rules:**

- Treat Director and other students with respect.
- Be prepared for class and ready to work.
- Follow all of the directions of the Director.
- Chewing gum or eating of any food in the choir room is prohibited.

### **Expectations:**

- All students will be in position and ready to sing by the tardy bell.
- **NO STUDENT** will use the piano or be in the office, closet, or practice room without permission from the Director.
- Timely attendance is required for **ALL** mandatory events and/or performances. Any foreseen conflicts need to be brought to the Director's attention immediately. Any conflicts *not* brought to the Director's attention by the week of the event, will *not* be excused.
- Any electronics seen on a student's person during class will be taken and returned after rehearsal. Multiple infractions will result in the device sent to the Assistant Principals.
- Students will be attentive and engaged in the rehearsal. *IT'S FUN!!!!*

### **Choir Concert Attendance:**

Students are required to participate in all concerts throughout the year. Students will stay after school/athletic practice with the Director to be bussed over to the high school (if needed), eat pizza and participate in last minute rehearsal. Families will be able to pick up their students after the performance from the performance location.

Students will receive a major grade for the performances and will only be allowed to do a make-up assignment for excused absences. Excused absences included other school related events, emergencies and severe illness.

### **UIL Contest:**

Students participating in the contest choirs/solos/ensembles will be bussed to the contest location and will be brought back to the school.

**Extra fees will be assessed for solos and ensembles.**

### **Academic and Behavior Eligibility:**

Since students in the choir program are competing in various competitions and also traveling at points throughout the year, it is imperative that students maintain their grades and also good behavior. Our program follows the **UIL Academic Eligibility** guidelines. The guidelines can be found at **[www.uiltexas.org/policy/eligibility](http://www.uiltexas.org/policy/eligibility)**

In order to be eligible for competition, students must maintain a passing grade in all classes for their 6 weeks average. If a student does not receive a passing grade for a 6 weeks period, they will be placed on Academic Probation for 3 weeks pending passing grades on their next Progress Report.

If a student's behavior becomes an issue, various steps will be taken to correct the behavior. If the behavior still does not change from the warnings and methods used in class, the student's parents will be called to support the Director. If a student behavior is a constant problem after parent involvement, the student may lose the privilege of attending social events such as parties, shows, and choir trips.

Students who do not follow the rules and expectations can expect lower grading points for participation; receive alternative assignments, a discipline referral, parent contact, removal from social events and/or removal from the class.

## Choir Dues

Each student that participates in choir will need to pay the **choir dues** for the year of **\$45**. The money collected as choir dues will be used for the following things:

- Choir Shirt (\$15)
- Choir Folders (\$5)
- Dry Cleaning of their formal uniform (\$10)
- Pizza for the after school concerts (4 in total) (\$15)

Students of each grade level are asked to bring the following items:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 1 box of tissue
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade- 12 pencils
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade- 1 package of copy paper

*The choir dues and items for the school year are due by **September 30, 2016**. **If there are issues with getting the dues in on time, please let me know.***

## Materials for Class

- Pencil
- Music (provided by Director)
- Solid Black 3-ring Binder (provided by Dues)
- Any assignment that is due.

## Grading

For each grading period the student will receive at least ten grades. Most of these grades will consist of daily grades with at least three major grades. The daily grades will be based on the student's participation and preparedness for class with at least one listening journal entry per week. The major grades will be given for performances.

The percentages of each type of grade are as follows:

- 60% for Major Grades
- 40% for Daily Grades

For any late work, the policy is as follows:

- 1 Day late = -10 points
- 2 Days late = -20 points
- 3 Days late = -30 points
- 4 or more = 0 points for the assignment

## Uniform-Formal and Casual

Each choir will have two uniforms that will be worn by the students during their performances.

The casual uniform is as follows:

- Choir T-Shirt (Provided through the choir dues)
- Jeans
- Tennis Shoes

The formal uniform is as follows:

Women:

- Black Dress (Provided)
- Black stockings
- Black Close-toed Shoes
- Stud Earrings

Men:

- Black cummerbund or Vest (Provided)
- White Tuxedo shirt (Provided)
- Bowtie (Provided)
- Black dress pants
- Black dress socks
- Black dress shoes

***NO perfumes or colognes*** will be worn.

***NO*** jewelry other than specified pieces.

# Waller Junior High School

## Parent Volunteer Form

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year Bulldog parents. I look forward to the collaborative work we will do this year to further the success of your students. Please fill out this application if you are interested in volunteering and return it by **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Chaperone for competition (March 6 or 7 or 8)

\_\_\_Chaperone for choir trips (depends on the grade/choir)

# WALLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONTRACT

I have been informed and am aware of the policies and requirements for membership in the Waller Junior High School Choir. I understand that my child is to adhere to the rules and regulations stated in this document. I also understand that my child is to adhere to these policies and to be in attendance at mandatory events for their choir.

Return by **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Student Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Choir Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Shirt Size (Please indicated Youth or Adult sizes): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

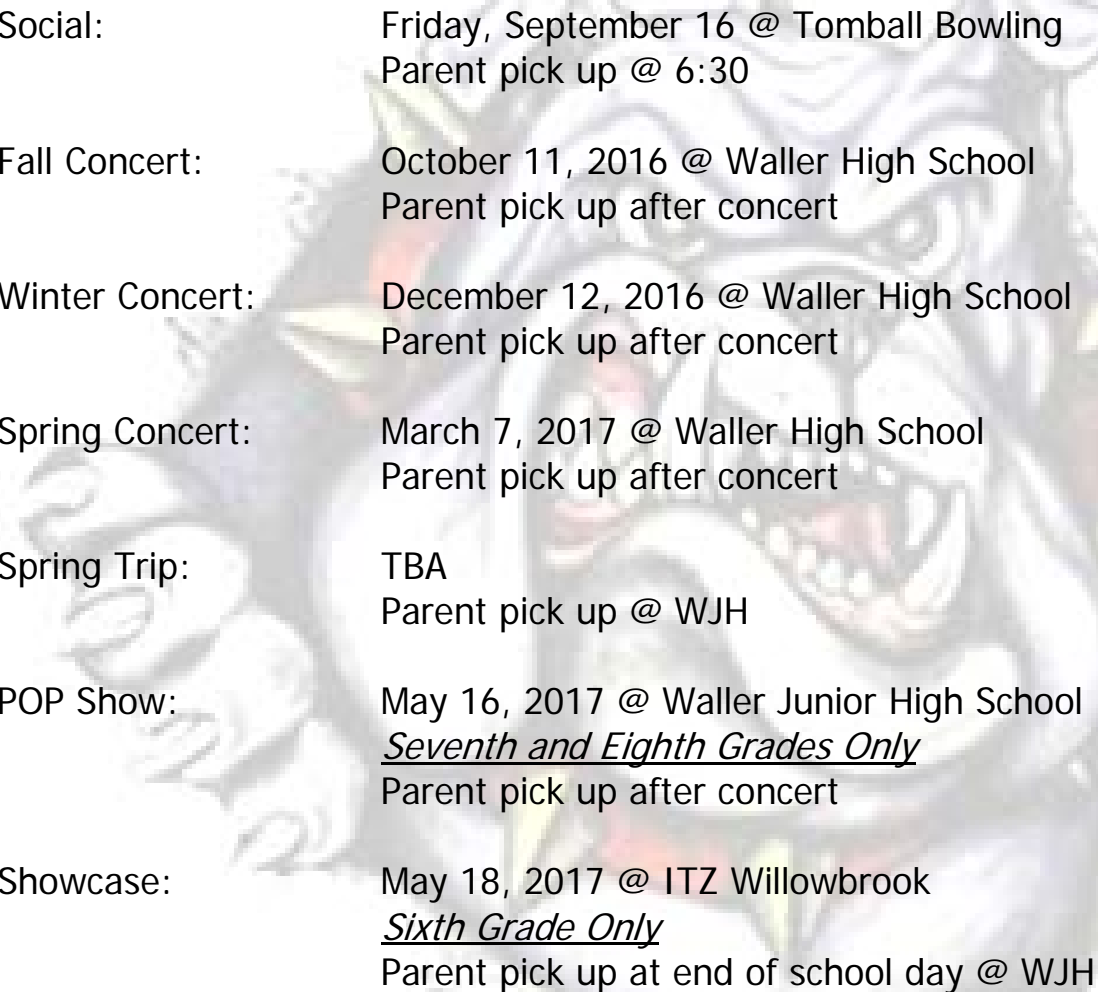
Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Waller Junior High Choir Concert Schedule

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- Social: Friday, September 16 @ Tomball Bowling  
Parent pick up @ 6:30
- Fall Concert: October 11, 2016 @ Waller High School  
Parent pick up after concert
- Winter Concert: December 12, 2016 @ Waller High School  
Parent pick up after concert
- Spring Concert: March 7, 2017 @ Waller High School  
Parent pick up after concert
- Spring Trip: TBA  
Parent pick up @ WJH
- POP Show: May 16, 2017 @ Waller Junior High School  
Seventh and Eighth Grades Only  
Parent pick up after concert
- Showcase: May 18, 2017 @ ITZ Willowbrook  
Sixth Grade Only  
Parent pick up at end of school day @ WJH

## Remind101:

- Periods 1, 4, 6: Text @kurquha to 81010
- Period 5: Text @treble1ch to 81010
- Period 7: Text @treble2ch to 81010
- Period 8: Text @contestc to 81010