

Welcome to Chamber Singers 2015-2016

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Goals and Objectives

Chamber Singers is the advanced choral ensemble at Vintage High School. Participation in Chamber Singers is a privilege and requires a heightened sense of responsibility and cooperation from each student.

Students will:

- Demonstrate good posture and breath control.
- Develop a healthy vocal tone.
- Sing an appropriate part in the ensemble accurately, using shaping, phrasing, and dynamic contrast.
- Demonstrate understanding of music theory, reading, and terminology.
- Demonstrate clarity of text through vowel and consonant production.
- Perform classical and other musical styles from various historical periods and cultures.
- Understand the historical and cultural background of the works performed.
- Sing texts in a variety of languages and understand their meaning.
- Perform music with the group from memory throughout the year.
- Evaluate the quality of performances.

Materials Required in Class: Designated music folder with required music and a pencil.

Materials Fees

- Pay music materials fees by the deadline. (See attached **Fee Schedule**.)
(Please see Mr. Teeters if you have financial concerns)

Rehearsal Expectations

- Students are expected to rehearse at an advanced level.

Performance Attire Required

- Women: Black performance dress (to be purchased or borrowed from VHS); black dress shoes (to be provided by student); modest jewelry (this is optional and provided by student); simple hair/makeup.
- Men: Tail coat and tuxedo pants (to be borrowed from VHS), white tuxedo shirt (to be purchased or borrowed from VHS), burgundy bow tie and vest (to be purchased or borrowed from VHS); black socks and dress shoes (to be provided by student).

Chamber Singers are expected to:

- Practice music outside of class.
- Study voice privately.
- Audition for the Sounds of the Season and Anything Goes.