

Course Outline and Expectations

Reynolds Concert Choirs 2025-2026

Rehearsal times, in the Theatre:

Senior Choir (gr. 11-12)

Tuesday: 7:30-8:30AM

Wednesday: 3:15-4:20

Junior Choir (gr. 9-10)

Tuesday: 3:15-4:20PM

Thursday: 7:30-8:30AM



Music Director: Ms. Katy Kerr

email: kkerr@sd61.bc.ca

Google Classroom: for all updates, schedule changes, forms, listening examples and assignments. Schedule updates are posted EVERY Friday.

- **Senior Choir Code** is **udzv3qux** and **Junior Choir Code** is **4mwhswji**

Instagram updates: [reynolds.music.ensembles](https://www.instagram.com/reynolds.music.ensembles)

Welcome to our Reynolds Concert Choirs! These groups are designed to provide a singing experience for students of all musical levels and provide a venue for students to explore many different styles of choral music.

Participating in choir is a year long commitment and students are expected to come to rehearsal prepared and on time in order to be successful in these ensembles. Through rehearsal and performance practices, students will be challenged to achieve excellence in everything they do. You must always have your music in your choir folder and a pencil present at each rehearsal. Participate, practice, work hard, have fun and you will be successful in this course.

On top of making music together, the Reynolds choir program aims to create a community of students who come together from many different places. Whether it be different grades, different experiences or different social groups, the Reynolds choir draws students together to create a unique and dynamic community of students.

Please note that if any student has conflicts with jazz band or any other activity, they can still participate in choir if they are dedicated - please let me know any schedule conflicts and I will do my best to work it out. Advanced singers may be moved to Senior Choir at the discretion of the director.

Vocal Jazz and Chamber Choir: Vocal jazz is an auditioned group consisting of about 16 singers and a rhythm section - rehearsals are Monday and Tuesday lunch. It is a year long commitment consisting of learning and performing fun and challenging jazz repertoire - there are often specialized festival opportunities with this group. Auditions are on Sept 15th and 19th at lunch - sign up on Ms. Kerr's office door. **Chamber Choir** is an auditioned small ensemble choir that takes

place in after spring break for those singers wanting to work on challenging, college level choral repertoire.

Upcoming Choir Performances/Concerts:

***performances are mandatory and count much like a final to an academic course**

- UVic Choral Festival - Saturday, November 8th - University of Victoria from 1-3:00PM
- Monday, November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly - Reynolds gym
- Tuesday, December 2 @ 7PM - Winter Concert #1 - Reynolds gym
- Wednesday, December 3 @7PM - Winter Concert #2 Vocal Jazz and Jazz Bands - gym
- Saturday, February 7th from 9:00Am-3:00PM, Choral Collab at Belmont Secondary
- Year End Choir/Strings Concert, Wednesday June 10 @7PM at The First Metropolitan Hall

Concert Choir Uniforms

- Black shirt/top. Collared shirts or long sleeves are preferred. No writing of any kind on the shirt. Please no t-shirts or tank tops.
- Black dress pants/skirt. **Jeans or yoga pants are not to be worn for concerts/performances.** Please make sure any skirts are at knee length or lower.
- Black dress shoes or flats.
- Black socks or black coloured tights.
- Choir students will be required to rent either a blue scarf or blue tie* as part of the choir uniform. *Please note that if you choose a blue tie and are in band it is the same tie
- Choir Folders will also need to be rented for choir, which is listed on the uniform checklist

Uniform Distribution Days (for all music uniforms in band and choir):

Grade 9's: Tuesday, September 23rd from 6:00-8:00PM in the Band Room

Grade 10's: Wednesday, September 24th from 6:00-8:00PM in the Band Room

Grade 11/12: Thursday, September 25th from 6:00-8:00PM in the Band Room

***students MUST bring a parent or guardian with them to uniform distribution night. Please email music directors if you have a schedule conflict**

If you have any issues with uniforms or are unable to acquire or afford these items (financial assistance is available), please contact Ms.Kerr as soon as possible (kkerr@sd61.bc.ca)

I'm looking forward to another incredible year of singing!

****Please ensure you fill out the Reynolds Choir Information Form on google classroom so that I have up to date contact information for you and your parents/guardians. We are hoping to do a combination of festivals/retreats and Senior and Junior Music Tours this year and will need parent chaperones and volunteers! We do most of our communication through email, so please make sure we have an email you and your parents/guardians check regularly.**