



OAK MTN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT

2024-2025 CHOIR AUDITIONS

Dear Prospective Auditionees and Parents,

Our aim at the Oak Mountain High School Choral Department is to organize the audition process in a way that helps the student feel successful! Students are provided the tools they need to prepare for the audition process including the judge's score sheet and choreography videos. It is up to the student to be prepared for their audition. We hope by going through the audition process, students will learn self-motivation, the importance of personal responsibility, and the rewards of stepping out of their comfort zone! There are four auditioned/application-based groups that you can possibly be a part of, and this packet will cover information about each of them. Please read this packet in its entirety. Auditions for these groups are taken very seriously and everyone who wishes to be a member must audition. **Before reading any further please notice that Pinnacle is open to 10th-12th grades only.**

Please see the following information found within this audition packet. If you have any questions, feel free to email mzauchin@shelbyed.org. We are so excited about your interest in our OMHS Auditioned Choirs!!

Members AND parents of all auditioned ensembles are required to volunteer for the King of the Mountain Show Choir Invitational on February 7th-8th, 2025. Please do not make plans that weekend as this is our largest fundraiser of the year and it is your commitment to assist in making this event run smoothly.

AUDITION CHECKLIST:

- PRE-AUDITION SHOW CHOIR MEETING** (for students and parents who have not been a part of OMHS Choirs only)
 - May 9th @ 6:00-7:00 (student and one parent/guardian **MUST** be present)
 - SHOW CHOIR AUDITIONEES ONLY
- TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS** (linked below and emailed to all OMHS and OMMS Faculty)
 - Due May 10th by 3 PM
 - Inform TWO teachers to complete on your behalf.
 - ALL GROUPS (Show Choir, Pinnacle, Crew, Band)
 - Any student applying for membership in the Band must receive a recommendation from a band director
- STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION GOOGLE FORM** (on choir website, "Auditions" tab)
 - Complete information and submit by 3 PM on May 10th.
 - ALL GROUPS (Show Choir, Pinnacle, Crew, Band)
- STUDENT/PARENT COMMITMENT CONTRACT** (in this packet)
 - Complete the required information and sign. Return to Mr. Dover or Mr. Zauchin on May 10th at audition check-in table.
 - ALL GROUPS (Show Choir, Pinnacle, Crew)
- MANDATORY POST-AUDITION SHOW CHOIR STUDENT/PARENT MEETING**
 - May 14th @ 6:00-8:00 (more information on next page)
 - SHOW CHOIRS & CREW ONLY



TEACHER
RECOMMENDATION
FORM



STUDENT/PARENT
INFORMATION
FORM



WEBSITE
AUDITIONS TAB



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AUDITION DATES TO KNOW

April 29th - AUDITION PACKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN OMHS & OMMS CHOIR ROOMS

SHOW CHOIR PRE-AUDITION MEETING

Thursday, May 9th, 2024 (6:00 PM) @ OMHS Choir Room

- This meeting is for students/parents who have not been a part of OMHS Choirs yet!

THE MUSES and SINGERS AUDITION DATES/TIMES

Audition Group Sign-Up - May 6th, 2024 on Choir Website

- Sign up for a time slot for your audition; Groups of 5, you will sing one at a time and dance as a group

Dance Clinic - May 7th, 2024 (3:15-5:15 PM) @ OMHS Choir Room

- Attire: comfortable, appropriate clothing for movement and closed-toe shoes
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle/snack for after school.

Workshops/Voice Checks - May 8th-9th, 2024 (3:15-6:15 PM) @ OMHS Choir Room

- Attire: comfortable, appropriate clothing for movement and closed-toe shoes
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle/snack for after school.

Auditions - May 10th, 2024 (3:30 PM-10:30 PM) @ OMHS Choir Room

- Students will sign up for an audition time to report for auditions. Students will prepare up to 1 minute of a song of their choice (a verse and chorus will suffice). Students must use some form of accompaniment, preferably a karaoke track.
- Please arrive to the check-in table at least 10 minutes before your audition time to check-in and receive your audition number.

- ***All paperwork, forms, recommendations are due the day of auditions (May 10)***

MANDATORY SHOW CHOIR Parent/Student Meeting - May 14th @ 6:00-8:00 PM (OMHS Performing Arts Center)

- If parents are unable to attend, you MUST send a representative who is 18+ in your place. Make-up meetings will not be scheduled.
- Members will be measured for costumes
- Members will pay \$200 show choir deposit (you will not be considered a member until paid)
- 2024-2025 Tentative Schedule Released

PINNACLE AUDITION DATES/TIMES

Auditions - May 6th, 2024 (3:15 PM-5:00 PM) @ OMHS Choir Room

- Auditionees will be given an excerpt from a piece of music and learning tracks. They will find a quiet space around the school and have an hour to learn both vocal parts for the piece.
- At 4:15 PM everyone will return to the choir room and put the piece together with each other to see who is able to hold their part in a small group and whose voices blend and balance together.

CREW APPLICATION/INTERVIEW DATES/TIMES

Paperwork Due - May 9th, 2024 at interview @ OMHS Choir Room

Interviews - May 9th, 2024 (3:00 PM-6:00 PM) @ OMHS Choir Room

- Students will sign up for an interview time online. These time slots will be available on May 6th.
- This is nothing to be worried about, but gives the directors some time to get to know the students who are interested in participating in the program and their capabilities.

Results will be posted on the choir website:

www.omhschoirs.com



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SHOW CHOIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Our show choir fees are exponentially lower than the majority of the schools that we compete with. For this reason, it is of the utmost importance that payments be made on time and in full. You should treat your child's show choir payment as you would a monthly bill. Due to tremendous efforts of our boosters organization, we are able to offset what would otherwise be a much greater fee.

WHAT DO FEES PAY FOR?

- Music/Sheet Music
- Instrumental tracks
- Band
- Competition Registrations
- Costumes
- Choreographers
- Show Props/Backdrops
- Equipment Truck Rentals
- Costume Alterations
- Transportation to/from Competition

WHAT FEES DO NOT COVER?

- Undergarments/Tights,
- Makeup
- Replacement Costumes
- OMHS Show Choir "Swag" items (jackets, duffle bags, etc.)

FUNDRAISING

- All show choir students are expected to participate in fundraisers.
- Fundraisers raise funds for the choral department to supplement what fees do not cover.

Parents/guardians of students who make either show choir will be required to have the \$200 non-refundable deposit turned in by May 14th. No student will be considered a member of the choral department until parents agree to both the financial and time commitments required for participation in show choir. All expenses will be required regardless of the student's participation in every event. ***In the case that your child is removed from the group or dismisses themselves from the group, you will still be responsible for the payment of all fees.*** Individual circumstances may be discussed with Mr. Zauchin. Failure to complete payment or communicate with Mr. Zauchin will result in the balance being added onto your student's school account, which must be paid in order to graduate. Payment schedule is as follows:

May (at parent/student meeting): \$200

June: \$200

July: \$200

August: \$200

September: \$200

October: \$200

November: \$200

December: \$200

Checks should be made out to OMHS Choir with "Show Choir Fee" in the memo line. All payments (other than May 14th payment) should be put in the drop box outside of the choir offices OR brought to the monthly carwash during the summer.

Parental participation is essential and required. Parents will be able to sign up for specific areas to assist through our volunteer form, which will be sent out closer to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.



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COMMITMENT CONTRACT

1. As a family, we are committed to make sure that our student is able to attend all scheduled practices and performances. We understand that the final calendar is given in August and will act responsibly in making sure that we have cleared our schedule on all choir activity days. Appointments are not an excused absence. You should not schedule appointments during a Monday rehearsal.
2. I understand that as a member of an auditioned ensemble at OMHS I am an ambassador for the Oak Mountain community and I may be asked to perform outside of school hours more often than a non-auditioned choir
3. I will complete all requirements of my specific class. (Pass Offs, Voice Check, etc.)
4. I will follow all guidelines given in the OMHS Student Handbook and the Choral Handbook, which are both available on the internet. I will maintain tremendous character and morality throughout the school year as I am an ambassador for the Oak Mountain community and OMHS Choral Department. Consequences for these issues are left to the discretion of the directors but could result in dismissal from the group.
5. I understand that I will be held responsible for any and all posts, comments, and material on social media. While the directors respect my right to free speech, I understand that there is a time, place, and platform for all statements, and I will be sure to keep my social media profiles in line with the morals, and values expected of me. The consequences remain at the discretion of the directors and administration.
6. I understand that the audition scores are confidential and will not be disclosed to a student or parent at any point in or after the audition process. I also will refrain from contacting the directors for 48 hours after the posting of results.
7. If auditioning for show choir, I understand that if I make the group the \$200.00 deposit is due by the first group meeting. I also understand that the remaining \$1400.00 is not optional. If for some reason I am removed from or dismiss myself from the group, I am responsible for the remaining payments even if purchases have not been made. If needed, I will contact Mr. Zauchin to set up a payment plan. Failure to do so could result in the unpaid amount being attached to my student's school account.
8. I understand that the competition show prepared by show choirs may require students to play specific characters. All students who audition are agreeing to keep their appearance in character with the show (ex. girls may not be allowed to cut their hair, boys may not have earrings, no visible piercings, no gauges, appropriate make-up, appropriate hairstyles, etc.).
9. We will be in attendance at the mandatory show choir parent/student meeting on May 14th.
10. I understand the parental commitment for these ensembles. I will volunteer as required for my student's ensemble.

Parent's Printed Name

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Date