

# EUDORA CHORAL DEPT.



Quarter 1  
Fall Issue

## Of Special Interest:

- Fall Concert Night October 18th
- Concerts are required!
- Frontier League Choral Music Festival October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

*"It isn't about being great when you walk in the door, it's about being better when you walk OUT the door."*  
-Mrs. Z

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## FALL Concert Night

We will continue our new tradition of hosting home concerts for middle school and high school choirs on the same night. This makes it easier for families with students in both programs and also allows students to hear other choirs for extra credit.

Only the concert in which a student is singing is required for their grade, but extra credit will be given to those who attend the other concert as well. Sign-in at the door to receive credit.

Our fall concert night is MONDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>. Middle schools choir students should report at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm concert. High school choir students should report at 6:45 pm for a 7:30 pm concert.

This fall we will still be singing in the MS auditorium as the new Performing Arts Center is not yet completed.

### October 18<sup>th</sup> Concerts

- EMS Choirs at 6:30 pm
- EHS Choirs at 7:30 pm

## Frontier League Choral Music Festival

On Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the Frontier League Middle Level Choral Music Festival at EMS. *This is for our 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade singers only.* Dr. Matthew Potterton from Baker University will be here as our guest clinician. He will work with us alone first at 3:30 pm and then with the combined choirs.

Eudora students will have an early dinner at 4 pm in the EMS Cafeteria. Please send a sack dinner to school with your student that day.

All schools will present a joint concert at 7 pm in the Eudora

MS Gym. Families are invited to attend and admission is free.

### A NOTE ABOUT CONCERTS

Performances are a necessary and required part of the Choral Curriculum in the Eudora School District. Performance is the benchmark by which a student's choral ensemble achievement is evaluated. Students are graded on their participation in, and effort demonstrated, at concerts. Choir is a performance-based pursuit. Performances are not optional.



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*Please email or  
call Mrs. Z with  
questions!*

## Daily Participation Rubrics and Practice Logs

This year students are keeping track of their own participation levels and progress towards singing goals using Rubrics and Practice Logs. You can view these forms online and see what we are working on this semester.

These scores account for 30% of a student's overall grade. Since they fill

them out themselves, the sheets help increase student accountability. This aligns with our SOAR goals at EMS:

**Safe**

**Outstanding**

**Accountable**

**Respectful**

## Audience Etiquette

We have been discussing proper performance and audience etiquette in class. Prior to the upcoming concerts, you can expect your students to know the basics of performing in a professional manner and being a good audience member.

If you would like to discuss this with your child, you may hear them talk about showing respect, pride, discipline, and joy both on and off the

stage. We have been talking about how a concert is different than a sporting event or viewing TV at home. At a concert, the performers need to concentrate to do their best and distractions from the audience or others on stage do not allow them to do their best.

I know you will be proud when you see your student(s) acting so professionally. Make sure to congratulate them!

## Student Checklist

- Take Newsletter, Shirt order form home
- Turn-in Shirt Form unless you already have a shirt
- Write rehearsal times on your family calendar
- Locate full-length blue jeans without holes, tears, or markings (any shade of blue is fine)
- Locate closed toe black (or very dark) shoes that you can "run" in

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