

## SHOWCHOIR GENERAL INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS/CALENDAR

Please keep in mind that **showchoir is a class** not just an activity. There are requirements and assignments that will be expected to be completed. The “A” your son/daughter receives in this class is equivalent to an “A” received in any academic class (ie math, english, etc.).

A major portion of the grade is based on participation. Attendance at weekly rehearsals is mandatory as is attendance at workshops and competitions. This is the equivalent of the student’s class time.

Please do not schedule family vacations, ortho/doctor appointments, etc. on these days/times. If your son/daughter work, they must ask to be scheduled on days other than the times of the class commitment.

Showchoir shows are based on the performance of each and every member of the group both in OnStage and Ladies First. Choreography is blocked with every student participating in mind.

If there is an unavoidable conflict, a Request to Miss Rehearsal form must be completed by the student and signed by the parent. The student will be expected to make up what is missed just as they would in a math class, etc.

In the event a student is involved in another activity that has a practice at the same time of day, the coach/director and the student will work out a fair resolution to sharing the time.

In the event that there is another performance/game at the same time, the school policy is that performance/game takes precedence over practice. However, the student will still be required to make up what is missed, just as they would in any class.

In both of these cases, parents and students are encouraged to be proactive and compare schedules as soon as they are received. Discussing this with Miss Michael and the other teacher/coach/sponsor involved is much better than waiting until the last minute to resolve a conflict.

Following is an outline of the weekly commitment as well as competitions and workshops.

**ONSTAGE** will rehearse every Thursday night during the first semester beginning the first Thursday of the school year.

During second semester thru the end of competition season in mid-March, Onstage will rehearse on both Monday and Thursday nights.

Rehearsal time is 6:15 PM – 9:15 PM.

**LADIES FIRST** will rehearse every Tuesday night during the first semester beginning on the first day of school.

During the second semester thru the end of the competition season in mid-March, Ladies First will rehearse on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Rehearsal time is 6:15 PM – 9:15 PM.

Students are expected to wear their rehearsal shirt (two will be given to each member of showchoir), dance pants (girls)/athletic pants (guys) --- no jeans. Guys should wear gym shoes. Ladies should wear dance shoes.

**SCHOOL PERFORMANCES WILL INCLUDE:**

September 30	Homecoming Assembly (OnStage only)
October 3	Fallapalooza Concert
December 9	Holiday Show dress rehearsal
December 11 & 12	Holiday Show
TBA (March)	Final Concert

**WORKSHOPS/COMPETITIONS:**

August 2 – 4	Retreat – Nippersink – Genoa City, WI
November 10-11	Retreat – location TBA
Winter break TBA	Workshop at JHHS – all day
January 14	Workshop at JHHS – all day
February 11	Competition – location TBA
February 18	Competition – location TBA
March 2 & 3	Chicagoland Showcase @ JHHS
March 10	Competition – location TBA

There may be an overnight trip for one of the competitions – TBD

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Miss Michael will receive a weekly report on student grades. Students who are receiving one or more grades of D or F will be required to do two mandatory tutoring sessions by the Friday of the respective week. If the student does not complete all tutoring sessions prior to a competition, he or she will not be able to compete.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

All students are held accountable for the District 214 Code of Conduct, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. A violation of the code may result in a student missing a performance or competition. Please review with your student when it is sent to you during the summer.

### **WEBSITE:**

The choir website is [www.herseychoir.com](http://www.herseychoir.com). You will find all pertinent information including a Google calendar with all choir activities which will be regularly updated.

We communicate with you via email so please be sure to begin checking it regularly.

### **Liaisons are:**

Marci Schmidt (Ladies First)  
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### **VOLUNTEER**

There are a variety of ways you can help us with the many activities involved in producing a showchoir competition season. All parents are expected to sign up to help in some way.