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# JHS Show Choirs

— 2024-2025 Parent Meeting —

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# Welcome

We are glad you are here!

Welcome to another year or welcome to the family!

# Booster Presentation

Thank you to this year's board!

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# ParentSquare™

Joplin Schools has adopted a new school-to-home communication tool called ParentSquare.

ParentSquare also includes an app for students called StudentSquare. This app allows school, team, and activity staff to send alerts and reminders directly to students in a safe, archived, streamlined format to:

- Send and receive school and class information
  - Share pictures and files
  - See calendar items
- Share team and club updates



# ParentSquare™

ParentSquare and StudentSquare will replace other third-party team/class/club communications apps including Remind, GroupMe, Band, TeamSnap, etc.

To Register for Parent Square or StudentSquare: download the free apps available for android and IOS. Follow the directions. If you have any questions feel free to email me at [monicabrown@joplingschools.org](mailto:monicabrown@joplingschools.org)

**THIS WILL BE OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR SHOW CHOIR**

# JHS Show Choirs

Touch of Class & Sound Dimension are the two top choral ensembles at Joplin High School.

Students learn not only a complete competition show which they compete with in the Spring, but over the course of the entire year they learn a lot of music, including “legit” choral repertoire. They sight-read, compete at Solo & Ensemble, audition for Honor Choirs, and represent the school as part of its premiere performing ensembles around the community.

Both Show Choirs have REQUIRED evening rehearsals from 6:30-8:30pm beginning the last week of August and lasting through the end of competition season in March.

Touch of Class meets most Monday evenings.

Sound Dimension meets most Tuesday evenings.

A detailed schedule will be provided to you and will additionally be posted on ParentSquare.

# Dates and Events - Fall Semester

September 7, 2024	District Honor Choir Auditions @ Carthage HS
October 14, 2024	DHC Rehearsal @ Carthage HS, 6-9pm TBD
October 20, 2024	DHC Rehearsal @ Carthage HS, 2-5pm TBD
October 26, 2024	Fall Choral Concert @ JHS, 7pm
October 26, 2024	DHC Day (Rehearsals @ 8am, Concert @ 4pm)
November 16, 2024	Just Desserts @ 1pm and 6pm in the Black Box
December 10, 2024	Winter Choral Concert @ JHS, 7pm



# Dates and Events - Spring Semester

Jan 11, 2025	Show Choir Sweaty Saturday (@ JHS)
Jan 23, 2025	Show Choir Preview Show @ JHS, 7pm (FREE)
Jan 18, 2005	TBD: Blue Valley Show Choir Comp @ BVHS (All Day)
Jan 25, 2025	Mt.Vernon Mid-Winter Classic@ MVHS (All Day)
Jan 29-31, 2025	All-State Choir @ Tan-Tar-a
Feb 7-8, 2025	Joplin "In The Spotlight" Competition @ JHS (All Day)
Feb 15, 2025	Neosho Competition @ Neosho HS (All Day)
Feb 22, 2025	TBD Week Off/Nevada Competition @ NHS (All Day)
Mar 1, 2025	Keller Central Lone Star Comp @ Keller, TX (Weekend)
Mar 8, 2025	Webb City Show Choir Comp @ WCHS (All Day)
Mar 29, 2025	District Solo & Ensemble @ WCHS (Saturday)
Mar 13, 2025	Show Choir Post Show @ JHS, 7pm (FREE)
Apr 9, 2025	Large Group Choir Contest @ WCHS
Apr 17, 2025	Spring Choral Concert @ JHS, 7pm
May 1 & 2, 2025	State Solo & Ensemble @ MU (Wed & Thur)
May 8, 2025	Senior Spotlight Concert @ JHS, 7pm
May 18, 2025	Graduation

# Absences

**It is important to note that all rehearsals, whether in class, after school, on weekends, as well as all concerts and competitions are REQUIRED and count as a grade. Very few things count as an excused absence.**

**Your absence impacts our team. If you miss a rehearsal, you may be removed from the upcoming performance or even the entire song.**

# Fees

**\$350 costume fee**

**\$50 overnight fee**

**Total \$400**

**Doubles (additional \$300)**

**Deposit of \$100 due by May 24, 2024  
(Last day of school)**

**Remainder of fees must be paid in full  
by  
August 23, 2024.  
(End of first week of school)**

**Payment plan is available**

**A Fees Fundraiser Plan will be  
discussed in a moment.**

## PLEASE MAKE NOTE

★ THIS IS A YEAR LONG CLASS, TWO SEMESTERS. ANY STUDENT WHO JOINS SHOW CHOIR AND DECIDES TO QUIT THE CLASS AND CHOIR AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN WILL STILL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY THE \$400 FEES AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FAILING GRADE IN THE CLASS.

# What a Competition Show Costs

Approximate cost per show:

- \$300-400 costuming per person x 50
- \$300-500 rights per song x 6
- \$400 -750 arrangement per song x 6
- \$3000 choreography
- \$500 additional supplies
- \$5,000 transportation
- \$3,000 hotel
- \$10 show shirt per person x 50

Total \$30,700- \$39,000 times 2 shows!! Dues cover just \$17,500 of the cost of a show.

Approximate cost per student:

- \$800
- -\$400 fees
- \$400 to raise per student!!

Fundraisers are important! Your participation is required.

The Invitational (makes about \$25,000) and Just Desserts help us meet these costs.

Other fundraisers throughout the year help as well.

# Fundraisers

- Just Desserts (Fall Semester)
- JHS In The Spotlight Show Choir Invitational (First weekend of February)
- Booster sponsored fundraisers
- SUMMER MONTHS JHS Show Choir Fees Fundraiser

# JHS Show Choir Fees Fundraiser

## JUNE

## JHS Show Choir Fees Fundraiser

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>\$400 will be applied to the students account for 2024-2025 Show Choir Fees. \$65 will be applied to the Show Choir Activity Account/General Fund.</b>  Amount Raised _____ Student Name _____						1  <b>\$1</b> Total \$1
2  <b>\$2</b> Total \$3	3  <b>\$3</b> Total \$6	4  <b>\$4</b> Total \$10	5  <b>\$5</b> Total \$15	6  <b>\$6</b> Total \$21	7  <b>\$7</b> Total \$28	8  <b>\$8</b> Total \$36
9  <b>\$9</b> Total \$45	10  <b>\$10</b> Total \$55	11  <b>\$11</b> Total \$66	12  <b>\$12</b> Total \$78	13  <b>\$13</b> Total \$91	14  <b>\$14</b> Total \$105	15  <b>\$15</b> Total \$120
16  <b>\$16</b> Total \$136	17  <b>\$17</b> Total \$153	18  <b>\$18</b> Total \$171	19  <b>\$19</b> Total \$190	20  <b>\$20</b> Total \$210	21  <b>\$21</b> Total \$231	22  <b>\$22</b> Total \$253
23  <b>\$23</b> Total \$276	24  <b>\$24</b> Total \$300	25  <b>\$25</b> Total \$325	26  <b>\$26</b> Total \$351	27  <b>\$27</b> Total \$378	28  <b>\$28</b> Total \$406	29  <b>\$29</b> Total \$435
30  <b>\$30</b> Total \$465	Seek out sponsors to sponsor one or more days on the June 2024 calendar. Whatever day they sponsor, that is the amount they donate to you to go toward your show choir fees of \$400. If they sponsor June 16, they donate \$16. You only need the first 28 days sponsored in order to pay all of your fees for the 2024-2025 school year. Days 29-30 will go toward our general fund and activities account to help cover other expenses outside what student fees cover.					

# Show Choir Shirts

Show Choir shirts will be given to each student as part of their dues. These shirts will be required to be worn **UNALTERED** at each show choir competition we attend as part of their uniform for the day.

We hope to give them to members by the end of the camp.

Parents and other supporters will be given an opportunity to purchase shirts through the Boosters at a later time.



# Makeup & Hair

- ★ Realize that makeup for both ladies and men are exaggerated for performances.
- ★ The directors have the final say on how hair will be worn during Show Choir competitions and outings. Please refrain from any drastic hair changes during show choir season, including unnatural hair coloring.
- ★ We hope to have a Makeup Parent and a Hair Parent who travel with us and assist with making sure everything is as it should be.

# Post-Performance Expectations

★ After performances, each student is responsible for gathering all items of their costume together and hanging them up appropriately.

★ Student who do not have their complete costume may not be allowed to perform.

# JHS Show Choir Handbook

**Please read it in its entirety so you are aware of all policies.**

**THIS IS LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE AND YOU CAN ALSO FIND IT ON CANVAS LISTED UNDER SYLLABUS.**

# JHS Show Choir Handbook

## ★ Expectations at Competitions

1. Be respectful of other groups when they are performing.
2. DO NOT talk about other groups at the competition.
3. You may not leave a school building without the permission of the directors.
4. You may not have cell phones out during other schools performances
5. Try to sit in the same general area when watching other groups.
6. Proper dress code will be followed when not in performance attire. We will adhere to the Joplin High School Dress Code Policy. Show Choir Shirts will be worn **UNALTERED** at each competition.
7. No PDA at any time no matter how “in love” you are.
8. Win and lose with grace and dignity- every time.
9. Refrain from posting negative or disrespectful comments on social media.

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## ★ Traveling rules and guidelines

1. Students are expected to follow the Joplin High School Code of Conduct.
2. Trip participants are expected to show respect for others and their belongings.
3. Parents will be contacted if discipline problems occur.
4. If a discipline problem is severe, the student will be sent home at the expense of the parent.
5. It is important that all instructions are followed at all of our destinations.
6. Students are expected to cooperate and be respectful of chaperones throughout the trip.
7. Participants are expected to be prompt at all meals and departures.
8. Everyone will be responsible for his or her own luggage and personal items.
9. Students are reminded to be patient and flexible.
10. Students must realize that there will be no tolerance for anyone breaking the drug and alcohol policy.
11. Parents are expected to be prompt when picking up their child. Any student who is still waiting after 20 minutes may lose traveling rights.

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## **IX. INTERNET**

Remember that the way you represent yourself on the internet is just as important as the way you represent your group on a daily basis. Do not post any remarks towards other groups on social networking sites and always represent JHS choirs to the best of your abilities.

Videos of Performances: Please refrain from posting videos of the show choirs on outside social media pages. Posting on our Facebook page where membership is restricted is fine, however, we would like to keep our shows private to protect the integrity of our students and their hard work as well as to prevent from committing any copyright infringement.

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## **XIII. Member Conflicts**

Member conflicts should be resolved by the show choir members involved. In the extreme case that the conflict affects the group, the directors will step in to help resolve the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved both members will be suspended until a resolution can be met. If you become the center of drama in the show choir you will be asked to leave. Choir is supposed to be fun and foster a supportive environment!

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## **XIV. Eligibility**

It is the expectation of the teachers that every member of the group maintains passing grades in every class. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 JHS classes including choir not including transitions. Students are only allowed one failing grade or they can not be allowed to compete. (Students only enrolled in only 6 classes have to be passing every class). The directors will check grades prior to each performance and/or competition, and only those with passing grades will be allowed to travel with the group.



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## XV. Chaperoning

Chaperones are needed for the various competitions. Parents are encouraged to chaperone throughout the year. If you would like to be a chaperone please contact the booster club president or vice president. You may be asked to pay for your bus and lodging based on the trip.

We are required to have one chaperone per 20 students, and in most cases you must ride the bus.

**Please consider being a chaperone: it is vital to our success at competitions that we have parent helpers as the directors are taking care of a thousand other things!**

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## **XVII. Group Positioning**

Group performing positions are determined by the directors and the choreographer. Requests to change partners or positions by students or parents will not be entertained. We place the performers in key positions and we will make any adjustments that we feel necessary.

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## **XIX. “In The Spotlight” Show Choir Invitational**

It is a requirement that each student work at this event on both Friday evening and Saturday. It is an expectation that each student has one parent or guardian volunteer and work a minimum of 2 hours either on Friday evening or Saturday. **But of course, working more than the minimum is highly appreciated.**

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## **XX. Lettering in Show Choir**

Students will have the opportunity to letter in Show Choir each year. The first year they will receive a letter "J". The years following they will be awarded a pin to place on that letter. The requirements for lettering in JHS Show Choir are listed on the form attached.

# Forms and Paperwork

- Contract (received tonight at check-in)
- Travel Form
- MSHSAA Pre-Participation Form
- Joplin Schools Code of Conduct Form

These forms are available from the directors.

The contract must be received by May 24, at the time the deposit is due.

Travel Forms and Code of Conduct Forms will be due the first week of school.

# Themes

Drumroll please!

# Touch of Class

# THE GREAT JOPLIN BAKING SHOW





## Songs Include:

- HOOK **What's Inside?** from Waitress: the Musical
- OPENER **Live In Living Color** from Catch Me If You Can: the Musical
- CHARACTER SONG **Pour Some Sugar On Me/Butter/Flowers** Medley of songs by Def Leppard, BTS, and Miley Cyrus
- BALLAD **What Baking Can Do** from Waitress: the Musical
- CHANGE OF PACE **Raven's Pie** from Raven's Home
- CLOSER **TBD**

## Costume One Ideas:

**Costumes will be  
designed and chosen at a  
later date.**

# Sound Dimension



## Songs Include:

- HOOK/OPENER **Magical Mystery Tour/Things That Go Bump in the Night**  
Mashup of songs by The Beatles and allSTARS
- CHARACTER SONG **TBD** Mashup of songs for each of the 5 characters
- VILLAIN SONG **Coming Out of the Dark/It's Terror Time Again** Mashup of songs from Monster High and Scooby Doo: Zombie Island
- BALLAD **TBD**
- CLOSER **Last One Standing/What's New Scooby-Doo?** Mashup of songs by Simple Plan

## Costume One Ideas:

**Costumes will be  
designed and chosen at a  
later date.**

## Volunteers during the Summer

- We will need some help building set pieces and would like to start during the summer. See Mrs. Brown or Mr. Gordon if you would like to volunteer.

## Volunteers for 2023-2024 School Year

- Dad Crew: will get info at the fall concert next school year
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