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# JHS Show Choirs

— 2023-2024 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!

Molly Smith President

Jennifer Jones, Vice President

Tarrah Hudson, Secretary

Sandi Krumsick, Treasurer

# Contact Info

- We have several venues for communicating important information. Please request to be added to the Facebook pages, your student will be signed up for membership to our TeamSnap acct. It will have all dates and dues, track payments, will house important documents and files, and be used as a message center. Students need to add their parents on their TeamSnap account.
- **Please make sure your student puts you on their account so you won't miss out on any future events.**

Touch of Class  
Facebook Page

**Touch of Class 2023-2024**



# Sound Dimension Facebook Page

**Sound Dimension 2023-2024**





# 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™

During the course of the next school year, ParentSquare and StudentSquare will replace other third-party team/class/club communications apps including Remind, GroupMe, Band, 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@joplinschools.org](mailto:monicabrown@joplinschools.org)

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



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# 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” 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 TeamSnap.

TBD

# Dates and Events Fall Semester

TBD

# Dates and Events Spring Semester

# 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 June 1, 2022**

**Remainder of fees must be paid in full by  
November 1, 2023.**

**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 MAY-JULY

## JHS Show Choir Fees Fundraiser **May** 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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	31 <b>\$31</b> Total \$496	<p><b>\$400 will be applied to the students account for 2023-2024 Show Choir Fees. \$90 will be applied to the Show Choir Activity Account/General Fund.</b></p> <p>Amount Raised _____ Student Name _____</p>		

Seek out sponsors to sponsor one or more days on the May 2023 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 May 16, they donate \$16. You only need the first 28 days sponsored in order to pay all of your fees for the 2023- 2024 school year. Days 29-31 will go toward our general fund and activities account to help cover other expenses outside our 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 at pen 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 13, 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



# SPELLBOUND

## Songs Include:

- HOOK **Come Little Children** from Hocus Pocus
- OPENER **Escapist/Creatures of the Night** Mashup from songs by Nightwish and KISS
- CHARACTER SONG **Bottom of the River** by Delta Rae
- BALLAD **Speechless** from Disney's Aladdin
- COSTUME CHANGE **The Witches Are Back** from Hocus Pocus 2
- CHANGE OF PACE **I Put A Spell On You** from Hocus Pocus
- CLOSER **Disturbia/Centuries** Mashup from songs by Rhianna and Fall Out Boys

## Costume One Ideas:

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

# Sound Dimension

The image features the title "JUMANJI" in large, 3D, metallic letters with a gold-to-red gradient, set against a background of a dense jungle with trees and vines. Below the main title is the subtitle "WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE" in smaller, gold, 3D letters.

# JUMANJI

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE



## Songs Include:

- HOOK/OPENER **Play the Game Tonight/Welcome To The Jungle/Born To Be Wild** Mashup of songs by Kansas, Guns and Roses, and Steppenwolf
- CHARACTER SONG **Spirit of Adventure/I Feel The Earth Move/Run Boy Run** Mashup of a song from Up, and songs by Carol King and Woodkid
- BALLAD **Shadowland/Baba Yetu** Mashup of a song from The Lion King and a song by Christopher Tim (Swahili Lord's Prayer)
- TRANSITION **Surviving The Game** by Skillet
- CLOSER **Something Wild/Let's Go** Mashup of songs by Lindsey Sterling and Calvin Harris



## 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. Reynolds or Mr. Loving 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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