



SMS CHOIRS

Stephanie Bettinger, Director
sbettinger@solonboe.org

November 2021

Upcoming Dates

.Holiday Choral Concert- All Choirs & Ensembles, 12/7/21, SHS Aud., 7PM

OMEA District Honor Choir (auditioned)- 1/7/22 & 1/8/22 (Hosted by Chamber Ensemble)

SMP Pasta Dinner & Jazz Fest- SHS & SMS Jazz Bands, SHS Vocal groups and **SMS Chamber Ensemble** Tuesday, 2/15/22, 5PM, SHS Cafeteria

Winter Choral Concert- All Choirs & Ensembles, 3/1/22, SHS Aud., 7PM

OMEA District Choral Contest- Mixed & Boys Ensemble, FRIDAY, 3/11/22, 4-8PM **OR** SATURDAY, 3/11/22, 7:30AM-11:20AM; Exact date/time TBA

OMEA Solo & Ensemble- Interested students, 4/9/22; Exact time TBD

Spring Choral Concert- All Choirs & Ensembles, 5/12/22, SHS Aud., 7PM



Solon Music Parents

www.solonmusicparents.org



Attention all Choir Parents!

Solon Music Parents is a non-profit organization that supports the music programs at Solon High School, Solon Middle School, and Orchard Middle School. Membership is automatic for all parents of music students, and meetings are open to all who are interested. Funds raised through concession operations, Tag Day, the pasta dinner, and other events support the bands, orchestras, choirs and Starlettes dance team with uniform and equipment purchases, trip subsidies, and other activities. Please click the link below to learn more about SMP and how you can help support your child's music endeavors!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more!

Parents & Students: Please make sure to read through the "Welcome to Choir" online handbook and complete the "Choir Participation Form" at the end. We have many students who have not submitted this form. [CLICK HERE](#) to link directly to the Handbook

SMS Choirs & Ensemble Holiday Concert

Solon Middle School Choirs and Ensembles will present a Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7 PM at Solon High School Auditorium. For many of our students, this will be their first live performance since December of 2019! Our choirs and ensembles have been working hard and are excited to perform for you!

Concert Pandemic Protocols

- ♪ To help keep our students and community members safe the following protocols will be followed:
- ♪ Students will be assigned seats in designated sections. Adults are not permitted to sit in the student sections.
- ♪ Students are required to take their seats immediately after signing in. Students are not permitted to hang around in the halls, aisles, backstage or in the choir room before the concert.
- ♪ All students are required to wear a face mask throughout the concert while sitting in the audience and performing on stage.
- ♪ All concert attendees are required to wear masks inside Solon High School, including the auditorium, throughout the concert.
- ♪ The concert will be live streamed so our at-home audiences can enjoy the performances, too! The link will be posted on my teacher website before the concert.
- ♪ Click this link to go to Mrs. Bettinger website:
<https://www.solonschools.org/Domain/155>

Holiday Concert

Our choral concert is quickly approaching! You have all worked very hard and I am excited for your parents to see your accomplishments!

Here is important information for next week:

What: SMS Holiday Choral Concert

Where: Solon High School Auditorium

When: Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7PM

Students should be signed in and in their assigned seats/area no later than **6:45PM**.

STAGE REHEARSALS- Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Mixed Ensemble- report directly to **Solon High School Auditorium** at 7:15AM for your stage rehearsal. Please be on time and ready to go!

Treble & Bass & Chamber Ensembles- report directly to Solon High School Auditorium at 7:30AM for your stage rehearsal. Please be on time and ready to go!

7th Grade Ensemble members will ride a school bus back to SMS in time for 1st period.

8th Grade Choir- After announcements all 8th grade choir members should report to the main office doors to board the bus leaving for SHS. You will be rehearsing throughout periods 1, 2 and 3.

8th Grade Ensemble members will stay at SHS and wait for the remaining 8th grade choir members to arrive.

7th Grade Choirs- 7th Grade Choirs will rehearse at the following times:

11:55-1PM- 7th Grade Boys Choir

12:55-2PM- 7th Grade Girls Choir

CHOIR GRADE

Rehearsals and concert attendance are part of each choir student's grade. Please see the choir handbook on my teacher webpage for more information.



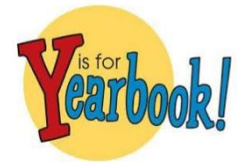
Weekly Rehearsal Grade: 40% (Formative)

Stage rehearsal: 20% (Practical Application)

Concert: 40% (Formative)

YEARBOOK PICTURES

Yearbook pictures will be taken during the concert at the end of each group's performances. Thank you for your patience while we snap the perfect photo of your child's choir!



CONCERT EXPECTATIONS

- Students must remain for the entire concert to get full credit. Sign in sheets are located in the choir room.
- Students must be seated or in their assigned location no later than 6:45pm.
- Students are not permitted to have or use their devices during the concert. This includes cell phones, smart watches and other electronics. Please leave these items with your parents.
- Students are not permitted to leave the auditorium without permission from Mr. Campbell or Mrs. Chin.
- Students should show respect for all our performers! Appropriate applause is appreciated AFTER Mrs. Bettinger steps off the podium. Please do not applaud during a song, even if there are soloists. Each soloist will receive recognition at the end of the song.
- Since this is a formal concert, students should remember to applaud appropriately. Shouting, whistling and calling out to particular students is distracting and can also be embarrassing to our performers. Please be respectful of everyone's hard work and wait until the end of each song for your applause.

CHOIR CONCERT DRESS

The following will be the required dress for all students at each concert who ARE NOT a member of one of our select ensembles:

7th & 8th Grade Girls who ARE NOT in an Ensemble:

- ♪ School appropriate dress, skirt/blouse or dress pants/blouse.
- ♪ **No Blue Jeans!**
- ♪ Pants may not have rips or tears
- ♪ Dressy shoes, NO TENNIS SHOES.
- ♪ Shoes must have a heel strap. No clog-style shoes (dangerous on the risers!) or boots.



Girls who ARE NOT in Ensembles can wear any color combination. Only ensembles are required to wear black and white.

7th & 8th Grade Boys who ARE NOT in an Ensemble:

- ♪ Solid colored long sleeve dress shirt with collar.
- ♪ Shirts must be tucked in. Sleeves may not be rolled up
- ♪ Khaki pants, black dress pants or dark blue dress pants,
- ♪ **No Blue Jeans!**
- ♪ School appropriate necktie. **(NO BOWTIES)**
- ♪ Nice, clean dress shoes or clean tennis shoes



All Ensemble Girls:

- ♪ White, school appropriate blouse. If wearing a camisole underneath it must be white, also.
- ♪ Black, school appropriate skirt or pants. Black leggings may be worn under skirt
- ♪ Black dress shoes that have a heel strap. No clog style shoes, flip flop style sandals, UGG style boots or tennis shoes please. It is a safety issue.



All Ensemble Boys:

- ♪ Black dress pants
White long sleeve dress shirt with collar. Shirts must be tucked in.
- ♪ Black or dark dress shoes.
- ♪ Mrs. Bettinger will provide a black tie for all ensemble boys to borrow.

