



# Somerset High School 2009-2010 "Electrify" Show Choir



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## EXPECTATIONS & INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Somerset High School "Electrify" Show Choir! You are about to embark on a wonderful year of music-making and camaraderie as you develop as an ensemble. Before we begin with this process, it is important to know what is expected of you as a member of this group. The following information is extremely important and should be read very carefully with a parent/guardian.

### FINANCES

As a member of the show choir, you will be required to purchase performing costumes for our show. These costumes are selected by myself. I will do everything in my power to keep the cost of these costumes as low as possible, but you should anticipate having to invest \$200-\$300 in these costumes. Exact figures for these costumes will be determined shortly after the start of the school year.

**A deposit of \$100 is required by June 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year.** Checks should be made out to the "Somerset Friends of Music" and given directly to me. This deposit will be placed in your music account and will be used in its entirety for your costumes. If there are special circumstances that we should know, please see myself as soon as possible.

There will be many opportunities for you to raise money to pay for these obligations beginning in the summer. This will be discussed in more detail later in this document.

### REHEARSALS

Our regular rehearsals during the school year are scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 5:00PM-9:00PM. It is essential for you to remember that warm-ups will begin promptly at 5:00. In order for this to happen, we must have all risers and equipment setup prior to the rehearsal. Each section of the show choir will be assigned specific rehearsals when they must setup at 4:30. Please see the rehearsal calendar to determine when this applies to you.

We will have several Thursday afternoon rehearsals from 2:30PM-5:30PM to rehearse with the pit band. These are extremely important as we have limited opportunities to put these two entities together.

We will also be holding dance captain's practices as well as vocal sectionals at the discretion of the dance captains and section leaders. These sessions are designed to give everyone an opportunity to further everyone's vocal and dance parts for the music being worked on at the time. Attendance will be taken each time one of these rehearsals is held, and it is MANDATORY to attend a minimum of 3 dance captain's practices per month.

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### **ABSENCES**

Attendance at all rehearsals and events is crucial to the success of the group. Any absences from a rehearsal or show choir event must be submitted in writing to Mr. Sylvia at least **two weeks in advance**, unless there is a medical emergency. **FAILURE TO DO SO RESULTS IN AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE AND MAY RESULT IN PROBATION WITHIN THE GROUP OR POSSIBLE EXCLUSION FROM CONCERTS OR COMPETITIONS.** Arriving late or leaving early on two occasions without two week notice is considered to be equivalent to one unexcused absence and you will be subject to the same consequences as having unexcused absences.

I do understand that several of you have commitments to sports, and we do encourage you to pursue both athletics and the arts. With this said, it is your responsibility to refer to your sports schedules and report any conflicts with the group to Mr. Sylvia at least two weeks in advance, just as you would with any other absence. **IT IS NOT PROPER NOTIFICATION TO HAND ME A SCHEDULE.** In the event of major conflicts with a sport, please see me immediately so that we can try and reach a compromise with your coach/advisor.

### **BEHAVIOR**

As a member of this show choir, you are expected to be a positive representative for the group, the music department, the school, and yourself. With this said, it is expected that you treat everyone with the utmost respect at every rehearsal and event. At rehearsal, you are expected to remain focused and listen to the staff and student leaders. There should be no excessive talking, texting, or fooling around. It is important for everyone to enjoy their experiences with this group, but there is also a multitude of dedication, focus, and hard work required to make this happen. Any inappropriate behavior or treatment of others will not be tolerated.

### **FUNDRAISING**

As mentioned earlier, you will have several opportunities to fundraise to pay for your show choir expenses. Many fundraisers will be designed to gain money for your personal music accounts. We also have many other expenses that must be paid for, including staff members, music, set pieces, entry fees, and buses. In order to be able to pay for all of these things, the music department and the Somerset Friends of Music work tirelessly to fundraise for the group as a whole. As a member of this group, you are required to participate in these fundraisers. Individual fundraisers are optional, but group fundraisers are required. Two events that we specifically require you to participate in are the Assistant for a Day and the Bumper Sticker drive, both taking place in September (see calendar). As we receive more information about all of these fundraisers, you will be notified and asked to sign up.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

(please note any dates with ‡ are tentative)

### **AUGUST**

August 22 – Car Wash @ Citizens Union Savings Bank – 1:00PM-5:00PM

August 29 – Car Wash @ Citizens Union Savings Bank – 1:00PM-5:00PM

### **SEPTEMBER**

September 5 – Car Wash @ Citizens Union Savings Bank – 1:00PM-5:00PM

‡September 9 – Assistant for a Day – 7:30AM-12:00PM

September 19 – Bumper Sticker Drive – all morning

### **OCTOBER**

October 8 – Musictown Ball @ Venus de Milo – 6:00PM-11:00PM

October 29 – Pops Night – 7:00PM

### **NOVEMBER**

‡November 6 – Choral High School Invitational @ Rhode Island College

‡November 13-14 – Bay State Show Choir Festival @ Oliver Ames HS

### **DECEMBER**

December 20 – Vespers Concert – 2:00PM

December 23 – In-School Concert

### **JANUARY**

‡January 16 – Mill City Show Choir Festival @ Lowell HS

### **FEBRUARY**

‡February 6 – Central Mass Show Choir Festival @ Shepherd Hill Reg. HS

### **MARCH**

March 5-6 – New England Show Choir Festival (home festival)

\*our students only on Friday to setup

### **APRIL**

‡April 10 – Eastern Show Choir Festival @ Waltham HS

April 16-20 – 5-Day Tour of Disney for HS Performing Groups

### **JUNE**

June 2 – High School Music Awards Night

NOTE: A detailed rehearsal schedule with the dates listed above will also be distributed to each student. Also, some events have not yet been listed as we are still scheduling for next year, and those dates will be released as soon as we know.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**

I have completely read through the 2009-2010 Somerset High School "Electrify" Show Choir Expectations and understand what is expected as a member of the show choir. I agree to adhere to all of these rules and expectations and understand that not adhering to these rules may result in probation or expulsion from the group.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Date

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**SHOW CHOIR DEPOSIT**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 DEPOSIT ENCLOSED:

CASH

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

MONEY ORDER

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH A RECEIPT FOR THIS DEPOSIT

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I DO NOT REQUIRE A RECEIPT FOR THIS DEPOSIT