

7th & 8th Grade Choir Outline—Mrs. Mason

Unit 1: Introductions, Class Syllabus, Grading & Performance Calendar

- ALL Classes begin with vocal warm-ups that reinforce proper voice technique and growth. On Fridays, we enjoy a physical warm-up through dance, as well as sing folk songs from the series “Get America Singing”, and popular music as our vocal warm-up.

Unit 2: Singing Fundamentals & Intro to Solfege

- Basic Singing Production. Posture, Breath, Vowels & Energy.
- Solfege Hand Signs & Rhythm sightreading level 1 & 2
- Rounds

Unit 5: Solo & Ensemble (For those who choose to participate in this opportunity)

- Students may participate in the annual Solo & Ensemble festival that is held at a Cloverbelt school on the last Saturday in January from 8:00 AM-4:00PM. Students only need to be at the festival during their assigned performance times.
- Students have the opportunity to perform solos, as well as duets and trios. They will pick out the music best suited for their voice with Mrs. Mason and have weekly or bi-weekly lessons until the event. This is a fantastic opportunity to improve each singer’s voice, as well as their confidence!

Unit 3: Veteran’s Day Music

- Continued work on solfege—Focus on Rhythm Reader Unit 2
- Possible Collaborative Choir Performance for Fall Creek School’s Veteran’s Day Ceremony in November.
- Star Spangled Banner

Unit 4: Winter Concert Music

- Focus on Rhythmic Sight-Reading and Solfege Hand Signs.
- Two new pieces of repertoire to be performed by memory at the Fall Creek Winter Concert.

Unit 5: Large Group Festival or Clinician Music

- Continue with the Rhythm & Melodic Sightreading while adding interval ear-training and recognition.

- Three new pieces of repertoire to be performed by memory at the FC 7-12th Grade Choir & Band Concert as well as for a judge/clinician at our Large Group Clinic. This event will be announced as soon as it is determined.

Unit 6: Spring Pops Music Concert

- Continue sightreading and add interval ear-training and recognition.
- Students pick out four songs of their choice from a list given to them to be performed by memory at the FCMS Spring Pops Concert.

Unit 7: Talent Show Preparation

- Students at FCMS have the opportunity to participate in the MS Talent Show at the end of the year. After our Pops Concert, there is time for those students involved to work on their own and with Mrs. Mason to prepare for this event.