

**Due Date: Friday, August 25th**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Concordia Choir**  
**The Classical Academy 2023-2024**

Welcome to Concordia! We have an exciting year of challenges and fun ahead of us. You can expect to develop your ability to prepare music repertoire with a higher degree of independence. For seniors, the emphasis will be on taking ownership of the preparation and musical result of the piece. Juniors & Sophomores will continue to develop skills in preparation for greater independence and leadership the following year. The class may choose to select and perform a senior capstone piece as a final challenge for their TCA choir experience. Appreciation of the arts will be enhanced by exposure to specific repertoire and artwork. During the course of this year, our 4-year curriculum rotation will cause us to explore a variety of styles of music literature including, but not limited to, early jazz traditions as well as music of the Medieval and Renaissance Eras. Additional responsibilities for extra rehearsal and for set-up and tear-down are required for members of this class.

**Attached is important information about this class along with a schedule of required performance events** to place on your family calendars. Please review it and contact us with any questions you may have.

Please feel free to let us know if there is anything we can do to make your choir experience a good one!

Mr. Webb and Mrs. Stedman

**Teacher Contact Information**

Carrie Stedman

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**Teacher Contact Information**

David Webb

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**Rehearsal Attendance Requirements:**

Because choir is a performance class and cannot be "made up," daily rehearsal attendance is crucial. Students will receive points for demonstration of rehearsal habits.

**Performance Dress Requirements:**

Students: TCA Concert Dress

For female students new to TCA Choir or if a new dress is needed: Be sure to complete the dress order form and turn it into Mr. Webb by Friday, August 25th. The approximate cost is \$71. We keep the same dresses every year. You will be billed via our Finance Department through Infinite Campus Payments. If the purchase of a dress is a financial hardship, please don't hesitate to let us know. We do have a limited supply of dresses that we can loan out.

Male students in Concordia will be issued a tuxedo for the year. A \$15 charge for dry cleaning is one of the fees posted to your account in Infinite Campus. Black dress shoes are required.

## **Additional Anticipated Costs**

Vocal Variety Show Tickets: This is the one and only fundraiser for the vocal music program. (The admission fee is about \$6.) A ticket website for seat reservations will be emailed to you. If the cost of admission is a hardship, we hope you will feel free to email Samantha Ciecalone (our performing arts assistant) at [sciecalone@asd20.org](mailto:sciecalone@asd20.org). Samantha can arrange to waive the fee.

Optional Choir T-shirt: approx. \$16 - \$20; we will notify you of this sale. Seniors of this class will have the option of designing a tee specifically for Concordia. If they opt out of this, or if participation is too low, the regular choir tee will be offered.

Explanation of Costs Posted to Your Account for Online payment; Thank you for taking care of these at your earliest convenience. The fees enable us to pay for bus and/or admission for these events.

- Seniors Only: \$45 Art Appreciation field trips
- Juniors Only: \$25 Art Appreciation field trip
- Sophomores Only: \$10 Supplies fee
- All Concordia Men: As mentioned above: \$15 for Tuxedo dry cleaning

## **Communications**

Most of our TCA Choir Communications with students will take place via Remind.com - a cell phone communication system for students. Parents are welcome to sign up, too, if they don't find the "minutia" too tedious to receive.

*To Sign Up:*

*In the "TO" line for your text, type the following numbers: 81010*

*THEN, in the message, write the following: @ccord2324*

*THEN, hit send.*

**Concordia Seniors Please Complete the Same Process using @ccordsrs24**

**Students: So that you do not miss important notifications, please DO sign up for this**

Parent/Guardian communication for TCA Choirs will take place via your Infinite Campus email addresses; please update your email address as needed. Keep an eye out for reminders about performances.

Links for auditorium seat reservations will come through IC.

**Required Dates:**

The required performance dates are on the calendar reference page which is included with this document. Since this is a performance class, performance dates cannot be "made up." **Partial credit will be given when notice of absence is offered at the start of the semester.**

### **Scheduling Challenges**

Our Arts and Activities schedule must consider multiple aspects of the very complex TCA calendar: academic calendar, AP tests, sports events, facility availability, etc. -- all have an impact on us. Our Activities Office does an amazing job of juggling and scheduling it all and we are extremely grateful. We often have to cope with dates that are not ideal, so we sincerely thank you for understanding and bearing with us.

### **Grading Percentages:**

Performance Related: 30%

Daily Skills and Habits: 50%

Assessments: 15%

Art Appreciation: 5%

Colorado All State Choir auditions: Juniors or Seniors who have been training for Colorado All State Choir auditions.

These will be scheduled on one of the following dates: Friday, October 20, late afternoon/evening or Saturday morning, October 21. We do not have control over the dates and times. The **deadline for committing to an All State audition registration is Tuesday, August 22nd.** To your choir teacher, please submit a non-refundable check made payable to TCA for \$30. TCA Vocal Dept. will need to pay online for all TCA applicants.

Please be sure to visit [www.aschoir.com](http://www.aschoir.com) to see audition requirements, sample audition, and detailed information.



# TCA CONCORDIA REQUIRED DATES CALENDAR REFERENCE SHEET

## 2023-2024 PLEASE KEEP THIS/ENTER ON YOUR CALENDAR

<b>Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> FALL BREAK</b>	<b>Concordia will be participating in a performance</b>	<b>Morning; TBD</b>
<b>Participation strongly desired but not mandatory; please sign up</b>		
<b>Tuesday, October 17th</b>	REQUIRED EVENING REHEARSAL Date Subject to shift depending on Athletics Schedule	5:30 – 6:30 PM unless otherwise notified
<b>Wednesday, October 25th</b>	Required Fall Fermata Dessert and INFORMANCE concert (See volunteer sign-up sheet in this packet)	6:30 Informance /WITH 7:15 PM Pot Luck Dessert
<b>Friday, November 10</b>	<b>Veteran’s Day Assembly (probable Concordia Men participation) Daytime</b>	
<b>Tuesday, November 28th</b>	Required EVENING Rehearsal Required Date Subject to shift depending on Athletics Schedule	5:30 – 6:30 PM unless otherwise notified
<b>Monday, December 4th</b>	Winter Concerts (2 back-to-back concerts) <b><u>Concordia WILL be singing in this Mon. Dec 4 concert</u></b>	5:45 AND 7:15 PM (Call time: 5:15)
<b><u>Important: Parents/Guardians Note that other TCA choirs may be scheduled for concerts on Dec. 5th</u></b>		
<b>AND</b>		
Tuesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Concordia will vote about singing in BOTH nights of concerts</b> Tear Down of Choir Set up would be Required	5:45 and 7:15 PM : (Call time: 5:15)
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 12</b>	Required EVENING Rehearsal Date Subject to shift depending on Athletics Schedule	5:30 – 9:15 PM Assigned times TBD
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	Required EVENING spring concerts/Tear down	5:45 & 7:15 PM ( <b>Call time: 5:15</b> )
<b>Thursday, April 24th</b>	Required EVENING VVS Dress Rehearsal	3:30 to 9:00 PM/Assigned times TBD
<b>Friday, April 25th</b>	<b>Required EVENING Vocal Variety Shows/Tear Down</b>	<b>5:30 &amp; 7:15 PM (Call time: 5:15)</b>
<b>Friday, May 24th</b>	All Concordia required to sing for TCA Graduation	5:30 Required Sound Check / 7:30 Graduation
<i>Art Appreciation Field Trip for Juniors</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Art Appreciation Field Trip for Seniors</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

**Parent and Student Signatures: next pages**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS Much NEEDED - Please Sign Up Below**

We would be so grateful for your help with tasks we are unable to carry out by ourselves. If possible, check the boxes to sign up for two of the following. Closer to the event, we will use an online sign-up to follow up with you.

**FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25th FALL FERMATA INFORMANCE**

- I am able to send in/bring a dessert for the Wednesday, October 25th Fall Fermata Informance.
- I am able to set up for the dessert on Wednesday, October 25th.  
(Set up time about 5:30 PM before the 6:30 PM Informance)
- I am able to help clean up after the dessert on Wednesday, October 25th.
- I am able to help usher for the Informance on Wednesday, October 25th.

**WINTER CONCERT**

- I am available to help usher for the Winter Concert on Monday, December 4th
    - Performance at 5:45 p.m. Usher arrival at 5:15
    - Performance at 7:15 p.m. Usher arrival at 6:45
- (For this to work, we would need you to usher at the concert you are not planning to attend so that you can help latecomers)
- I am available to assist the performing arts assistant with setting up performance decorations on the morning of Friday, December 1st for the winter concerts.

**SPRING CONCERT**

- I am available to help usher for the Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 19th
    - Performance at 5:45 p.m. Usher arrival at 5:15
    - Performance at 7:15 p.m. Usher arrival at 6:30
- (For this to work, we would need you to usher at the concert you are not planning to attend so that you can help latecomers)

**VOCAL VARIETY SHOW**

- I am available to help usher for the Vocal Variety Show performance on Friday, April 25th
    - Performance at 5:30 p.m. Usher arrival at 4:45
    - Performance at 7:15 p.m. Usher arrival at 6:30
- (For this to work, we would need you to usher at the concert you are not planning to attend so that you can help latecomers)





**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Turn in this Page**

**Parents/Guardians Please review and confirm the bullet points and sign below**

(Students receive 15 Daily Work Points for returning appropriate signature pages)

- Please **verify** that you do not foresee any difficulties in complying with **dates** or other information provided.
- Policy on performance-related **attendance** -- since choir is a performance class, performances (including dress rehearsals) are graded/required except in emergency situations.
- If at all possible, please help us out with **Volunteer sign ups**.
- IF a new **choir dress** is needed, complete the order form & turn it in by **Friday, August 25th**.
- **Choir Fees** reviewed/addressed in student account/Infinite Campus Payment
- **FOUR pages to be turned in by student:** Volunteer form, Parent Student Contact Information Confirmation, SIGN-UP for Singing on Monday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> AND Field Trip Permission Form
- There will be a **SIGN UP link to RESERVE SEATS** for Performances. This will be sent via Infinite Campus email. (Seat reservations are highly advisable due to unpredictability of available seating)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_



# Performance on October 9<sup>th</sup>

TCA Brown Center (Auditorium)

We have been asked to sing at the initial meeting of the October Conference for TCA Staff. This is expected to take place on the **morning of Monday, October 9th during Fall Break** . It would be a wonderful act of service for our teachers and administrators if you could make yourselves available for this brief performance. If you think you are likely to be able to participate in this event, please:

- put it on your calendar
- indicate so on the below form, and
- turn the form in with your syllabus pages.

Thank you so much!

\_\_\_\_\_ Turn In the Below Portion and save the above \_\_\_\_\_

I anticipate being able to participate in the choir presentation

Monday morning, October 9th, 2023

TCA Brown Center for the Arts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

More Details to Follow!

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Field Trip Permission Form Below: Please Sign and Return

The cost of these trips are included in the "student fees" which are paid through Infinite Campus. If you have not yet had a chance to submit choir fees to your Campus Payment Account, we would appreciate your doing so. This will keep us "afloat" as we take our field trips. **Not included in the fees:** money for lunch, which you will need to send with your student the day of the trip

### Vocal Music Field Trip/Off Site Permissions Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Regarding High School Vocal Music 2023-2024 Field Trips

This Field Trip Permissions Form gives permission for my student to attend all Vocal Music field trips for the 2023-2024 school year. These trips may include, but are not limited to, Voyager Parkway/Northgate area eateries, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, an assisted living facility, District or CHSAA Festivals, Southwinds Fine Art, Denver Art Museum, Vista Ridge High School, Colorado Springs Downtown Area, and East or Central TCA campuses.

**Transportation:** I give permission for my child to ride with an authorized bus driver (such as Grayline, Ellicott, D-11 or D-20, TCA Activity buses) or a TCA authorized driver to and from all Vocal Music Events during the 2023-2024 school year. I understand that if I wish for my student to ride with someone other than an authorized driver I must give written permission to the supervising director prior to departure.

I understand that The Classical Academy is not responsible for insuring my student with regards to the student's participation in these activities. I am responsible for obtaining any medical, accident, or other insurance that I may deem appropriate. I understand, however, that the student and I retain any legal rights we have for Personal Injury Protection Coverage, to the extent that it may be available, resulting from a motor vehicle or bus accident.

I understand that The Classical Academy and its employees may have certain legal protections and immunities from liability with respect to any property damage or personal injury that may occur during these activities. The Classical Academy and its employees have not waived these protections and immunities. I understand that The Classical Academy and its employees may also have certain legal obligations with respect to these activities.

I understand that I am responsible for **informing the school nurse** of any and all medical conditions my child may have. Furthermore, the school nurses will not be held liable for conditions unknown to the school nurse at the time of the field trip. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for providing the school nurse with a completed Health Care Plan prior to all field trips.

I understand that if my child needs medication while on a trip and cannot self-medicate, either I will accompany my child or there will be a staff member trained and delegated by the school nurse who can provide the medication to my child. In addition, I understand that school nurses are only available during normal school hours.

By signing this form, I am not releasing the School District and its employees from any of their legal obligations. However, on behalf of myself, my student, and our family and representatives, I release and hold harmless the School District and its employees from and against all claims for any damages or injuries incurred by my student from any cause, including but not limited to my student's own misconduct or the actions or omissions of third parties. I understand that for purposes of this permission form, the term "employees" includes the School District's directors, employees, servants, and volunteers.

**All District policies and procedures apply to the trip regardless of where the activity takes place. Violation of the policies/procedures or failure to follow directives, safety rules, etc. could result in the student being sent home and/or disciplined.**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this multiple trip permissions form.

Parent/Guardian Name IN PRINT Please \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	Date	Cell#
Student Signature	Date	Cell#

Emergency Contact Information will be pulled from Infinite Campus. Go to [asd20.org/homeinfo](http://asd20.org/homeinfo) to verify and/or update your information.

