

Chorus at PC: 2018-2019

- We have an amazing music program at Panther Creek—our award-winning choirs are known throughout the state of North Carolina!
- Freshman interested in taking chorus at PC should request **MIXED CHORUS, Vocal Music 1** as their primary elective choice! Regardless of student ability, ALL 9th grade chorus students must take Mixed Chorus for the first semester!
- There is **NO AUDITION** for Mixed Chorus, though we will try to give *preference* to students *already taking chorus* in their middle schools (teacher recommendation requested—ask your teacher to write a quick email to me with your endorsement!). Be aware—this class always fills up, so students should request it as their first choice elective.
- Mixed Chorus is a **1-semester class**, though students who are highly interested in continuing in one of the upper ensembles in the spring should sign up for **2 sections of Vocal Music 1**

Upcoming chorus-related events that 8th graders should consider coming to at Panther Creek:



- Wake County Choral Festival (features our advanced Chamber Choir): Tues. Feb. 27 at 7pm—Edenton United Methodist Church (downtown Raleigh)
- Spring Chorus Concert: HERE March 27 at 7pm. \$5
- Musical: **Once Upon a Mattress**—Thursday April 19 through Saturday April 21: \$10
- Finale Chorus Concert: HERE May 24 at 7pm. \$5

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Chorus Testimonials:

“Students should join chorus next year because it’s a great way to meet new people and explore music/performance. Being a freshman, you don’t know a lot of people, so chorus is a great way to connect with people who have similar interests to your own.”—Tyler: Freshman

“Chorus is not only a place to learn music and technique, but it’s a place where you make a family. Mr Bensen is extremely supportive and understanding, the chorus students are always so welcoming, and it’s such a great idea to join if you’re nervous about making new friends. You’ll learn so much about yourself and how to improve in music”—Alexa: Freshman

“It’s a great way for people to make new friends. Everybody is super welcoming and amazing. The people you meet in chorus will be the people you’ll be friends with for the rest of your life. They become like a second family to you. And the experience of being in a choir as amazing as Panther Creeks is one you will never forget.”—Savannah: Senior

“Chorus is a class where you can literally build a second family. Everyone in chorus is so supportive and kind, and the second you walk in the room, you feel at home. Also, Mr. Bensen makes everything super fun! From learning about interval quality, to singing mashups from Pitch Perfect, chorus will be your favorite class of the day!”—Diane: Sophomore

“It has been a great opportunity to help the transition from middle school to high school, I have made the best friends in this class.”—Brianna: Junior

“Chorus is a fantastic program where not only you can express the musicality of a piece for an audience and take up a performance on the Panther Creek stage, but it’s also a place of camaraderie. A place filled with a supportive group of singers. Chorus is always the brightest part of my day. It’s a program full of fantastic experiences including our frequented Choral festivals and the spring trips. The school year in chorus provides many unforgettable memories as well as influential experiences such as our master classes and critiques.”—CJ: Junior

“Chorus is a place where you feel at home, A place where you get sing and be expressive while also getting to be yourself.”—Zach: Senior

“I was hesitant to let my daughter take chorus at first, but now I know that it’s not ‘just singing,’ she is learning focus, and teamwork. Additionally, it has increased her confidence, and she has made some wonderful friends! I think with chorus my daughter is a happier, more well-rounded student—I couldn’t be more pleased!”—Chorus Parent/Booster

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