



CDS CHOIR SYLLABUS

w/General Program Information

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CHOIR WEBSITE: www.cdschoir.com

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

For a detailed class description go [here](#)

Zero Hour:	Jaztecs (Choir 7-8) MUS140
1 st Period:	Spotlight (Choir 5-6) MUS130
1 st Period:	Encore (Choir 3-4) MUS120
2 nd Period:	A Cappella (Choir 5-6) MUS130
6 th Period:	Bella Voce (Choir 1-2) MUS110
7 th Period:	Novum (Choir 1-2) MUS110

COURSE STRUCTURE

Until further notice from TUHSD, this course is taught online through virtual class instruction and small student and teacher-led interactive groups following the daily instruction. All online materials and class meeting information can be found on the specific class section in Schoology. Students are expected to complete all classwork and activities assigned throughout the class. When permitted, instruction will begin in-person at Corona Del Sol, but *will be live-streamed for those students who wish to stay online*. Students will still learn in whole-class/small groups in daily instruction. Assignments will be posted online through Schoology. All assignment submissions will have deadlines, unless specified by the instructor. Information for the Schoology Online platform can be found in the "Student" section on the TUHSD website.

Choir is as much of a *social and family oriented program* as it is *curricular*. The goal is (and always has been) to learn about music, performance, community, appreciation for the arts, and foster confidence in a nurturing yet challenging environment where all can grow and feel comfortable in themselves. Music performance is "the great unifier!" In these trying times, these kids need this class **more than ever!**

This will **not** be like last semester at all. Students will be accountable for attendance and grades will be given. While online, and just like in person, attendance is the biggest part of the grade for choir (translation...the easiest). However, if there is a medical concern, we will work with parents/students.

Class will be normal (*well, whatever that is anymore*). While online, students will be standing, stretching, physically using solfege (do, re, mi) hand signs, sight-reading, and singing. There will be some written assignments through Schoology, but most of the class will be centered around singing. Music will be sent home through pdf files on Schoology, and students will be learning the music to do concerts.

Below is what we plan to do for performances (*in-person options are pending on district approval*):

1st Quarter: Each choir will learn 3-4 songs and we will record one of them virtually for an online performance. This online performance will include some solos (more information on that to follow).

2nd Quarter: Each choir will learn 3-4 NEW songs and (in terms of performance) will do the same as 1st quarter; but, if back in person, will do socially distanced recorded or live concerts with obvious appropriate in-person protocol.

3rd/4th Quarters: Who knows....BUT....if we are closer to normal and in-person, we will focus on spring and pops concerts. If we can only do ONE live concert in the spring, the emphasis will be on a POPS concert. This year's theme is "The History of Rock-n-Roll!" If appropriate, travel will be considered.

After school help will be available through google meets, and there will be after school options for small group rehearsals, theory lessons, help with regional solos, etc.

Part tracks will be available to help learn music. However, we will go over lots on notes in class.

Letter Points will still be a thing. Look for updated information at www.cdschoir.com in the coming weeks for more details.

We will have applications for stage crew as soon as we receive more clarification on what live and/or recorded performances will look like.

Solstice will continue this year. Students Clara White (Solstice President) and Alex Williams (Music Director) will be sending out information once we get back to school.

COMMUNICATION

Student Learning: All student learning will be posted in Schoology with some email information occasionally sent home.

Parent Information: Since this is a large program (*in addition to being curricular*), parents need to expect emails with program information. If parents and/or students are not receiving emails, you may access the choir website where past emails will be submitted in the parent portal [here](#).

Remind: Throughout the year *students and parents* will receive a remind message in their text messages. **Please sign up for Remind today by doing the following:**

Text to 81010 the below information:

For Students:

Jaztecs: @cdsjaz20
Encore: @cdsenc20
Spotlight: @cdsspot20
A Cappella: @cdsacap20
Bella Voce: @cdsbella20
Novum: @cdsnovum20

For Parents: @cdscp20

COURSE EXPECTATIONS & PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE: Being that this is a performance class, students are expected to be at all class rehearsals and choir concerts (including virtual, recorded, and/or live performances.)

ONLINE PARTICIPATION: Students are expected to log on to Schoology every day and participate (just as if in-person) as outlined in the “day of the week” folders on Schoology. While online, students will be standing, stretching, physically using solfege (do, re, mi) hand signs, sight-reading, and, of course, singing. There will be some written assignments/projects, but most of the class will be centered around singing. Music will be available in Schoology, and students will be learning the choral and solo material.

LINKS FOR EACH CLASS:

Students will need to use these links below EVERY SCHOOL DAY to check in for class.

0 - Jaztecs Daily Class Link: [Jaztecs \(ZERO HOUR\) online class link](#)

1 - Spotlight and Encore Daily Class Link: [Encore & Spotlight \(Period 1\) online class link](#)

2 - A Cappella Daily Class Link: [A Cappella \(Period 2\) online class link](#)

6 - Bella Voce Daily Class Link: [Bella Voce \(Period 6\) online class link](#)

7 - Novum Daily Class Link: [Novum \(Period 7\) online class link](#)

BEHAVIOR:

- Have fun! That’s why you signed up for choir...THIS IS A FUN CLASS!!! ;)
- Actively Participate in all rehearsals, lessons, break out groups, etc.
- Be on time!
- Take notes in your music.
- Follow Instructions and don’t be afraid to ask questions (at the appropriate time, of course).
- No eating and drinking during class (other than water, of course)

Late Work: If you are unable to turn your assignment in by the deadline, you **MUST** contact Mr. Hebert or Mr. DeValk **IMMEDIATELY** in order to make arrangements to still receive credit for the assignment. Please communicate, as we are more than happy to work with you!

GRADING (FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING)

Information will be sent home in the coming days in terms of how grading will be broken up. Please know that students will be held accountable for learning, and participating.

- For assistance with Schoology, click here: [Schoology Student Help Center](#)
- For questions about TUHSD distance learning plan, click here: [TUHSD FAQ](#)
- For assistance with school-provided technology, email: support@tempeunion.org

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Dawnette Brower is our head volunteer parent coordinator. Even though the TUHSD school district is not processing new volunteers (due to Covid19), Dawnette would still love to hear from you if you can serve in any capacity (i.e. fundraising, uniforms, concerts, field trips, etc.). Contact: cdschoirhelp@gmail.com.

SEASON TICKETS

Erin Gray is our season ticket coordinator at [cgschoirtix@gmail.com](mailto:cdschoirtix@gmail.com).

Since there are no concerts in the immediate future that are scheduled, we have postponed the selling of these tickets until further notice. When we are able to have the opportunity to produce a concert, with of course all social distancing guidelines/rules, we will be sending you information.

CHOIR COUNCIL

Choir Council will still be on Friday afternoons 3pm-4pm, through Zoom. The first formal meeting will be Friday, August 7? Applications for **Bella Voce** and **Novum** will be available online in the next few weeks.

TAX CREDIT

The Arizona Tax Credit Program (A.R.S. 43-1-89.01) allows any Arizona taxpayer to donate to a school and/or program of the family's choice, and receive the entire dollar for dollar donation back in the form of a tax credit. It's simple. You can take a check to the bookstore and designate it as a tax credit for choir, or you can make an online donation via the District Quick Link on our school website:

www.tempeunion.org/coronadelsof.

FUNDRAISING

Please join in participating in our monthly Restaurant Night Fundraising Events! We hope you can dine-in, carry out, or even do curbside pickup. Other fundraisers will be carried out when the schools have more information on protocol due to the pandemic. Please see the website and emails for more info soon.

We will also be selling CHOIR MASKS for \$10. Information on how to purchase them will be sent soon.



UNIFORMS AND CHOIR T-SHIRTS

When concerts will be permitted, we plan to have the formal attire. Until then, each student will be issued a choir T-Shirt for \$10 (same design as above). There will be more information in the coming weeks.



HONORS

Choir students enrolled in Choir 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 will have the opportunity to take choir for honors credit. A signed agreement will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Q & A

Please feel free to contact us at any time!