

Nebbie Williams 6th Grade Elective Choir Handbook

Dear Choir Students and Parents,

Welcome to 6th Grade Elective Choir! I am thrilled to have you in this ensemble and cannot wait for the beautiful music we will make together! This handbook outlines the ins and outs of choir.

Grading

Students will be given two grades – conduct and content. Conduct is based on behavior during class. Students are expected to be productive in rehearsal while following the rules of the Music Room. Students will be held to 6th grade rehearsal behavior expectations they set for themselves as well. This includes having their Choir folders, all music, and a pencil with them for every rehearsal.

Content will be graded through performances during class and concerts, and also through our work in the classroom. As a Choir, we sing with (but more importantly) FOR each other in a variety of ways – warm-ups, partner singing, part singing, rounds/chants, etc. Throughout the year, we will be learning how to sight-sing (singing solfege patterns without writing the solfege down) and how to read/count rhythms properly.

Concerts and Events

Our 6th Grade Elective Choir are our singing leaders! Because of this, participation in concerts and outings are incredibly important. I like to say 6th Grade might be small in numbers, but mighty in voices! For concerts and performances, 6th Grade will have special parts and/or songs that only they will perform. Please make arrangements for your students to be at all of the events listed on the next page. If there are any schedule conflicts, please email me at justin.foley@rockwallisd.org.

Please note on the next page that our 6th Grade Choir will be asked to help lead our Honor Choir rehearsals (Mondays/Wednesdays 3-4:00pm, starting in September) when we are getting close to a performance. Of course, 6th Grade Choir members are ALWAYS welcome to join us for Honor Choir rehearsals whenever possible!

We are so excited to be joining the Williams Middle School Choir this year in their concerts! As you will see, there are a few rehearsals that take place leading up to those concerts as well, and will be held in the Williams Middle School Choir Room. I will be sending more information when we get closer to the first rehearsal, but I wanted to make sure you notice the location change.

Nebbie Williams 6th Grade Choir Schedule

Sixth Grade Choir takes place every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:40am-10:25am.

PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING DATES!!!

Thursday, October 20th 3:30-4:00pm Combined Feeder Choir Rehearsal WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM

Thursday, November 3rd 3:30-4:00pm Combined Feeder Choir Rehearsal WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM

Friday, December 2nd 7:00pm Williams Middle School Feeder Winter Concert UTLEY PAC

More info will be coming about this concert. Students will report at 6pm to rehearse before the concert begins at 7pm.

Thursday, December 8th 6:30pm Nebbie Combined Winter Concert NEBBIE CAFETERIA

More info will come later, but please mark your calendars for 6:00pm as report time.

Friday, December 9th Nebbie Holiday Tour Day

More info will come later...this is our Annual Tour of Rockwall to spread Holiday Cheer!

Boys Night with Williams Middle School Choir

Thursday, January 12th 4:30pm-7pm

More info coming soon!

Girls Night with Williams Middle School Choir

Friday, January 13th 4:30pm-7pm

More info coming soon!

Rockwall ISD MUSICFEST

Friday, March 24th

More info coming soon!

Thursday, March 16th 3:30-4:00 Combined Feeder Choir Rehearsal WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM

Thursday, April 20th 3:30-4:00 Combined Feeder Choir Rehearsal WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM

Friday, May 5th 7:00pm WILLIAMS FEEDER SPRING CONCERT UTLEY PAC

Students will report at 6:00pm for rehearsal before the concert at 7pm

Wednesday May 17 5-8pm FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS CONTEST UTLEY PAC

This is not a definite event, but please pencil in that date

There are times the Nebbie Choir has opportunities to sing around the community. If an event not currently listed occurs, I will send an email and a paper home to make sure we are able to perform before scheduling anything.

Cost and Payment

Below you will see the cost of our shirts and events. We won't pay until it's time to order, or go to the event, but I wanted to let you know in advance:

\$20 (estimated cost) – Holiday Tour Shirt (we wear these shirts for our annual Holiday Tour around Rockwall spreading Holiday Cheer) and lunch (hopefully, Cici's Pizza)

\$25 (estimated cost) – MusicFest Admission and Shenanigans Play Card
(This event is scheduled in March. If there are any changes, I'll let you know closer to the time.)

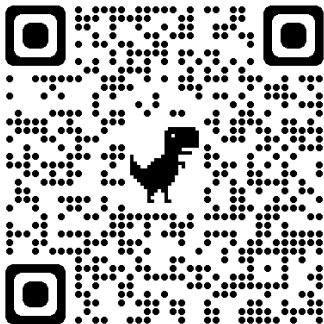
Chaperones and Volunteers

When we go to events outside of school hours, it is helpful to have extra adults to monitor students. If you are interested in chaperoning, I will be sending a letter when we get closer to events. You will need a background check to chaperone. That can happen through the front office.

Communication

I will communicate several ways. Physical handouts will be given to choir members during class, along with emails sent to you. Please make sure to check emails for any changes. I also have a website, where all of our dates and other important information is posted. In addition, I have a Twitter page exclusively for all the musical happenings here at Nebbie, including our amazing Choir!

My Website:



My Twitter:

