

# Illumination Show Choir Guidelines & EXPECTATIONS

## 2017-2018

### EXPECTATIONS FOR SHOW CHOIR MEMBERS

- On time to rehearsals and performances
- Concentration/focus during rehearsals and performances
- Respectful to all
- Cooperative
- Responsible
- Positive attitude
- Great leadership
- Highest level of commitment and work ethic - both inside and outside of the choral music room.

“Hard work and dedication will pay great dividends in the end!”

### BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students should exhibit exemplary PARRT expectations throughout the year. These expectations are also expected for all classes and activities at Franklin Middle School.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Occurrence

- Verbal or visual warning of inappropriate behavior

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Occurrence

- Phone call to parent describing behavior. If problems continue, the student will be dismissed from Illumination. No refund of the Illumination Supply Cost.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal. Please arrive on time!
- One unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the group (no refund of Illumination Show Choir Supply Cost). Parent/guardian must notify Mr. Griffin of the absence prior to the rehearsal via email: [directordgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:directordgriffin@gmail.com), or phone, 319-360-1135. If Mr. Griffin is not aware of the absence prior to the rehearsal this will count as an unexcused absence. If students are absent during the day due to sickness parents do not have to inform Mr. Griffin and the absence will be excused.
- If a student has more than 1 excused absence within three weeks prior to a performance/competition, or they miss school because of illness, they may be asked not to participate in the upcoming performance/competition or not participate in certain songs of the show.

## **PERFORMANCE**

Not all students will perform in all songs of the show. This depends upon choreography execution, missed choreography sessions/rehearsals, stage space, vocal capacity or other situations. Mr. Griffin will explain this philosophy at the first rehearsal and at the parent meeting.

## **ILLUMINATION SUPPLY COST**

The supply cost for Franklin Middle School's Illumination for 2017-2018 is \$175.00 per student. The supply cost covers; competition registration fees, music, outfits, show props, choreography fees, t-shirts, food/beverage and additional show supplies.

- Payment options:
  - Parents are able to go to [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) to pay with credit card. They have the option of making 2 payments per month and the last payment is due November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Checks or Cash: Please make checks payable to Franklin Middle School with "Illumination" written in the memo area. Submit to the main office by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- If you need to arrange special payment options or have any other questions regarding payment, please contact Jennifer Edwards in the main office.
- Students who make the decision to drop out of show choir (after the first two weeks) or who are dismissed from the group for behavioral or attendance reasons will not receive reimbursement for supply costs.

**Financial Donation:** If you would like to make a contribution to assist with additional costs of this year's show, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Please write a separate check for the donation and give to Jennifer Edwards in the main office at Franklin.

## **SHOW CHOIR OUTFITS**

- All show choir outfits (excluding personal clothing items) are owned by Franklin Middle School.
- Additional clothing items will also need to be provided by the student. A complete list of these items will be distributed within the next month after costuming is finalized.

## **ILLUMINATION PARENT COMMITTEE**

Please consider being a part of this year's parent committee. The committee is instrumental to the success of the season. More information on the parent committee will be provided in October.

If you have any questions regarding Illumination please feel free to contact Mr. Griffin at any time

[directordgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:directordgriffin@gmail.com)

319-360-1135

## **2015-2016 Illumination Rehearsal and Performance Information**

(Additional performance dates and activities will be scheduled throughout the year)

### **Rehearsals** - September 25-March 5

- Mondays: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Those students who have athletic practices during this time should come to the afternoon rehearsal from 3:00-3:45.
- No rehearsals during Holiday break or spring break
- Choreography retreats will be scheduled in October-December. More information will be provided in October

### **OCTOBER**

2 – No school this day, however, we will rehearse from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

9 – Rehearsal: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

12 – Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m.

16 – Rehearsal: 6:00-8:00 p.m. – First Choreography Session

- 19 – Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m.
- 23 – Rehearsal: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Second Choreography Session
- 24 – Choir Concerts: 6<sup>th</sup> grade 6:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade 7:30 p.m. Illumination will perform at both concerts
- 26 – Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m.
- 30 – Rehearsal: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

## **NOVEMBER**

- 2 – Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m.
- 6 – Rehearsal: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 9 – Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m.
- 13 – Rehearsal: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 16 – Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m.
- 20 – Rehearsal: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER**

- 12 – Saturday, Kennedy High School Cocoa and Carols – a.m. – Illumination

## **JANUARY**

- 19 – Eastern Iowa Arts Academy’s winter term begins (6 weeks)

## **FEBRUARY**

- 10 – Vocal Music Solo/Ensemble Contest, grades 6-8 – Franklin MS, 1:00-5:00 – Illumination students are required to prepare a solo, duet or trio for the contest. Illumination will also perform for the judge for comments and a rating.
- 27 - Raise The Roof Show Choir Competition – Kennedy HS - a.m.

## **MARCH**

- 4 - Friday, Jefferson Show Choir Invitational – p.m.
- 5 – Saturday, Xavier Show Choir Invitational – all day and evening
- 28 – Monday, Illumination Community Tour – 9:00-2:30 – (Last rehearsal until May 23)

## **MAY**

- 23 – Rehearsal, 5:30-6:45
- 26 – Spring Sing Extravaganza – 5:30-9:30 p.m.

**Illumination  
Confirmation Form  
2015-2016**

To be signed by parent and student  
Please return to Mr. Griffin by Monday, October 2nd

The intent of this form is to verify that Illumination students and parents understand and agree with what is involved with participation in Illumination, availability of all rehearsals and performances and other expectations.

- We have read the Illumination Handbook and understand our responsibilities in participation.

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Grade

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Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

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Phone