

Tetzlaff Glee Choir 2014-15 Syllabus

Class Information

The Glee Choir at Tetzlaff is a class designed to let students with a strong interest in singing and theatrical performing arts learn acting skills, to read musical notation, to sing in one and 2/3 part harmony, and develop as performers. This class will require ALL students to sing, act and perform choreography throughout the year as well as many other tasks that come with the performing arts. In the professional world, there is rarely a performer who cannot “do it all,” so we want to start giving students that experience now. This class will have performances throughout the year at Tetzlaff and in the local community including a choir concert, a solo “pop” concert, and our biggest production of the year, a full musical.

Website/ Contact Information

Website- www.tetzlaffmusic.org : This website is your go to place for all class information. This website has updates and reminders about upcoming events, a calendar and gmail calendar that can sync with your personal calendar, downloadable forms and documents, online resources, contact information and more!!

Email- matthew.gullett@abcusd.us : This is the preferred form of communication for anything you may need. I check my email constantly and am usually able to respond to anything within 24 hours.

Facebook- Tetzlaff Trojan Band and Colorguard: Our band program has a facebook page!! This page has updates about what is happening in our performing arts program throughout the year. It will also be a great place for finding out specific information about performances and more specific arrival times back at school if we bus to an event!

Schedule Information and Performance/ Rehearsal Requirements

The tentative schedule of performances can be found on our website under the schedule tab at the top. There is a view only version, downloadable PDF and DOC version, and soon to be a google calendar that you can sync with your personal google calendar for those that use that. If you need a hard copy of the schedule, please talk to Mr. Gullett and one will be printed out for you.

Performances are mandatory and are a part of your grade!! Our group relies on EVERY member of our team and when one student is missing, it makes it almost impossible for our performance to be its best. Please plan ahead so that you will not

miss any performances. If you will be missing, written notification is required from a parent/ guardian **at least 2 weeks before the performance date**. This gives the group enough time to adequately prepare to for a successful performance! If you provide written notification as requested, a makeup assignment will be given that is the equivalent length of time as the performance missed (ex. If the concert would have been 2 hours, an assignment approximately with approximately 2 hours of work will be assigned).

We may have a couple of after school rehearsals before a performance as needed. There will be at least 1 week notice for students, but you will get verbal notice before that as well. Please make every effort to make these rehearsals if they are added, because they are on the schedule to make our performance as successful as possible!!

Practice/ Expectations

Students are expected to practice memorizing lines/ lyrics, singing with piano recordings or practicing choreography as is necessary. For most students, that will probably be about 2-3 times per week for 20-30 minutes per day. There is no practice log or records to keep, however students will be evaluated on practice through regular quizzes on their practice assignments.

Grade

This class is a largely performance based class where we work towards performance oriented goals. Because of that, student's grades have heavy emphasis in performance and musical achievement. The grading scale and breakdown of how a students grade is calculated is as follows

Grade Scale

89-100 = A
79-88 = B
69-78 = C
59-68 = D
58 and below = F

How Your Grade Is Calculated

Performances/ Rehearsals- 25%
Tests/ Quizzes- 20%
Semester Project- 5%
Classwork- 10%
Homework- 10%
Participation/ Preparation- 30%

Materials

- 1- 1 ½ inch binder OR a tab in a larger binder that you use for other classes.
- Pencil (at least 2)
- Any music or scripts handed out

Please make sure to have materials at EVERY class period. Exceptions will be made for instruments if yours is in the repair shop, however it is important to plan taking instruments to the shop for maintenance well in advance of performances!

Please tear off and return

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all requirements of this class. Please tear off and return this form to Mr. Gullett by Friday, 9/6/13.

Student Name _____ Class _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____