



SALEM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Choir Department

2015-2016 Solo & Ensemble Festival

At Salem Hills High School students in Concert Choir, Serendipity, and Singers are required to participate in the SHHS Solo and Ensemble Vocal Festival as part of their Performance Participation grade for the third term. Members of Men's Camerata and Women's Chorale are also encouraged to participate, but not required. The festival will take place afterschool on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

If you are not already doing so, I strongly encourage you sign-up for a few voice lessons with a voice teacher. There are several in the area who are highly qualified to help you in your training. Please email me if you need any recommendations.

Your involvement in the festival follows:

1. You may choose to sing a high quality solo (Singers are required to sing a solo) or sing in an ensemble. You may participate in no more than three entries. Make sure to sign-up for a time to perform. You must attend your performance time, as well as observe 2 other performances.
2. Memorize the piece(s) of music, text, notes, harmonies, rhythms, etc.
3. Make sure the proper adjudication form, available in class, is filled out and given to the adjudicator prior to singing.
4. Original music with measure numbers on each measure that you have written neatly with pencil, must be given to the adjudicator prior to singing, along with your adjudication form.
5. Arrange for an accompanist for your piece. There are several students who play piano and may be available for accompaniment. Mr. Bills is not available to accompany your piece.
6. Dress in appropriate performance attire (women in nice clothing, men in ties and nice pants).

You will be judged on your performance on the following criteria:

- Tone Quality: resonance, control, clarity, focus, consistency, warmth, vowel formation
- Intonation: accuracy to printed pitches
- Rhythm: accuracy of note and rest values, duration, pulse, steadiness, correctness of meters
- Technique: posture, breath management, attacks, releases, musical and/or technical mechanical skill
- Interpretation, Musicianship: style, phrasing, tempo, dynamics, emotional involvement
- Diction: pronunciation, clarity of text
- Other Performance Factors: choice of literature, appropriate appearance, poise, general conduct, mannerisms, facial expression, memory

The score you receive on your performance will determine half of your grade on this assignment. YOU will determine the other half of your score based on the first six requirements listed above, under "Your involving in the festival follows."

Performances will receive a ranking of I+, I, I-, II+, II, II-, III+, III, III-, IV+, IV, IV-

If you receive a ranking of I, you will be invited to perform in the Region Solo and Ensemble Vocal Festival, **to be held this year at Salem Hills on Wednesday, March 2nd, 3:00-7:00pm**. Members of Singers are required to work at the festival for at least 90 minutes.

If you receive a ranking of I at the Region Festival, you will be required to perform in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival **at Orem High School on Saturday, April 30th**.