

Manteno High School



2018-2019

Handbook

www.mantenoshowchoirs.com

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Manteno Magic is a highly selective and competitive show choir that performs regularly throughout the community in addition to its competition schedule. This extracurricular choir serves as an extension of the Manteno High School Choral program, Manteno High School, and the Manteno community. The group has been in existence for over 30 years, having performed both locally and nationally, winning numerous awards during its tenure. Manteno Magic show choir strives to provide the highest quality of music education for its members, while continuing to uphold its reputation as a fine performing ensemble.

Contact Information

If there is ever a need to contact Mr. Hoffmann regarding anything Show Choir related, he can be reached at the following:

shoffmann@manteno5.org or (815) 928-7158

It is imperative that we have all of the information possible in regards to contacting you as well. You are what keeps this program going, and without you being in the know, we cannot be successful. Please make sure that we have your up to date information, especially email address.

Remind

Remind is a safe way for teachers to stay in communication with their students via text messaging. Teachers never see students' phone numbers. Students never see theirs. Although we do have a Twitter Account (@MantenoSC) and our own website (www.mantenoshowchoirs.com) this is the most convenient way last minute changes or updates to get sent out to students and parents.

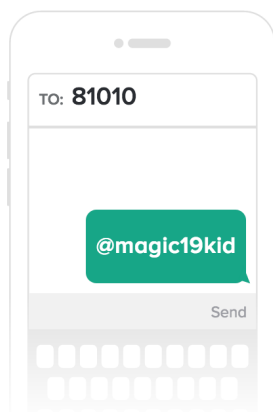
It is very important that you sign up for the notifications, as it will be utilized on almost a daily basis.

Texting Updates for Families:

Tell people to text @magic19kid to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @magic19kid to (815) 216-5375.

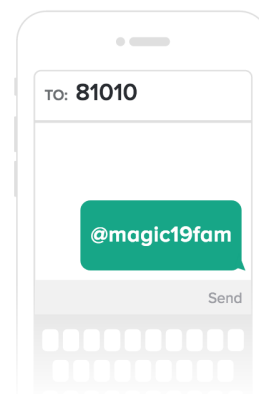


Texting Updates for Students:

Tell people to text @magic19fam to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @magic19fam to (815) 216-5375.



Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the year will be on **Monday** nights from 7:00-9:00 and **Wednesdays** from 6:00-9:00. We will also have rehearsals **one Saturday of each month**, as well as over **Winter Break**. We give you the schedule now to avoid any conflicts of planning vacations, family gatherings, etc. *Please make sure you add them to your calendars.* Please note, the rehearsal schedule is subject to change.

General Guidelines

The show choir year lasts throughout the school year, beginning with Summer Activities starting in June and ending in April with the annual Show Choir Gala. The dates listed in the schedule given are some of the most important dates for the choir this year. As an extension of Manteno High Schools' Music Program, **each student in Magic (crew, combo, singer/dancer), must be enrolled in a Manteno High School Music Ensemble (band or choir).**

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required with very few exceptions.

Though we make efforts to work around student schedules, attendance at the performances and rehearsals listed below is mandatory to be a member of the group.

Competition locations and dates are subject to change pending administrative approval

If you have any conflicts with these dates, please bring them to the attention of Mr. Hoffmann ASAP. *Absences and conflicts that are not communicated in a timely manner will not be taken lightly.*

Student Expectations

Attitude is the key in making this experience successful for you. What you get out of your participation is a product of the attitude you bring and the effort you put forth, and has an impact on those around you.

Respect from others is a reflection of what you give. Support one another in all efforts, both during and outside of performances. In this group, you are only as good as the person next to you.

Commitment occurs in EVERY rehearsal and performance. Please see the Attendance section of the handbook for policies pertaining to absences, tardies, etc. Again, potential absences from major rehearsals and performances (see above) should be cleared prior to the student's participation.

Prepare for each and every rehearsal. In order to be at your best, you will need to work on individual issues with the material outside of rehearsal to ensure that all time spent with the group is as productive as it can be.

Volunteering will be a requirement for each member of Magic. As you know, there are a lot of things going that make this program successful, such as Bingo and other fundraisers, that help keep costs down. The parents are not able to always step up, so there will be times for the kids to do their part. All Magic members will be required a minimum of 5 hours of volunteering, 2 hours of which are to be non show choir related. I will discuss this in more details with the students and the procedure of which to track these hours.

Each student is responsible for these established guidelines. If, after reviewing these policies, you feel you cannot commit to the program, it is recommended that you not participate at this time.

Attendance

1. Students will be allowed the following number of absences per show season: 3 absences for Fall Show (June-Sept), 4 absences for Winter Show (October-March), and 1 absence for Gala (March-April)
The allotted absences do not carry over from show to show, and cover all absences, from illness to family trips. Students who use more than their allotted absences will be removed from the group.

2. *An absence from school due to illness is also an absence from show choir* and will count towards your allotted absences. Students who have an elongated illness with a doctor's note may be excused from significant absences. Communication with the directing staff (phone call, text, or e-mail the day of the absence) will help to alleviate potential misunderstandings.

3. Excused tardiness or absences due to a school-sponsored event will always be considered. *Prior communication with the directing staff is essential in these cases.* Students who are involved in other school activities are asked to follow the handbook guidelines in regards to their commitments. For example, if a student has a game and we have a practice, the game will take precedence and allotted absences will not be taken away.

4. Tardiness will not be tolerated. Multiple late arrivals will result in removal from the group. Warm Ups start 7 minutes prior to the rehearsal time.

5. Student who miss any/all rehearsals during the week of a competition may be held out of performing at that weekend's competition.

Costumes/Appearance Standards

It is our responsibility to entertain and emotionally move the crowd with each of our performances. Thus, each performance is important and each student shall be prepared and focused to give their best performance possible. Because of that, students should tend to their appearance (hair, makeup, and uniforms) in the same way *every time* they are in front of an audience so that our looks will not in any way take away from the audience's focus on our group performance. (The directing staff will clearly communicate any exceptions to this policy.)

Members are responsible for ALL costume pieces purchased and assigned. All costumes are your personal responsibility to look after, keep track of, and most importantly, store correctly. **You will not perform if this condition is not met.** All assigned jewelry and garments shall be worn appropriately for performances, and **no unassigned jewelry or clothing will be permitted.** Hair should be worn out of the face, and girls should wear stage-appropriate makeup. More specific information will be given at a later time.

Costume Sizing will be held on the following dates: **Thursday, July 12th** from 6pm-8pm & **Saturday, July 14th** from 10am-12pm in the Show Choir Room

All Magic members are to choose one date to attend to ensure we have the correct measurements for you before we start searching for costumes. If you are not available these dates/times, please contact me ASAP and I can get you in touch with our wonderful costume moms.

Costs

Due to the rising costs of operating a highly competitive show choir program, all costumes and music expenses will be paid in full by the participants. Total student fees are nonrefundable and are:

Singer/Dancer - \$550.00 + \$100 Volunteer charge*

Combo - \$300.00 + \$100 Volunteer charge*

Crew - \$250.00 + \$100 Volunteer charge*

*\$100 will be refunded to each family when they have completed a minimum 8 hours of service including one 4 hour shift at the Main Event Show Choir Invitational and 2 hours at Show Choir Bingo

**Each student will also be responsible for selling at least 10 car wash tickets (\$5/ticket) for our Car Wash Fundraiser.