

# Choir Chronicle

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## TMEA High School All-Region Participants

Congratulations to Carolynn Graefser, Audrey Peterson, and Brianna Townsend!



## Upcoming Events

10/14 TMEA 9/10 All-Region Choir Auditions, TMEA All-Region Auditions Round 2 @ Burleson HS

10/21 TMEA Middle School All-Region Choir Auditions @ Fossil Ridge HS

11/11 TMEA High School All-Region Choir Clinic and Concert @ Weatherford HS 5 p.m.

12/2 TMEA Middle School All-Region Choir Clinic and Concert @ Chisholm Trail HS 5 p.m.

12/5 High Point Academy Winter Concert @ Castleberry Baptist Church 7 p.m. REQUIRED FOR ALL

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR PERFORMANCE ON DECEMBER 5, 2017 AT 7 P.M. THIS IS A REQUIRED PERFORMANCE FOR ALL CHOIR STUDENTS. STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN TO WEAR ALL BLACK ATTIRE (NO PATTERNS).

\*CLICK BELOW TO HEAR EXCERPTS OF THE HPA CHOIRS.

God Bless America

HPA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Zum Gali Gali

HPA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Kyrie

HPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

## In the Classroom

Students in grades 6-11 at High Point Academy have the opportunity to elect choir. Our program currently consists of 7 periods of choir students who are grouped by middle or high school.

## Middle School

Our middle school choir students have been learning how to read music in the treble clef, basic choral vocabulary, and are busy building a varied repertoire of music. Thus far, we have added “God Bless America” by Irving Berlin, “Zum Gali Gali” arranged by Dan Schwartz, and “The Star Spangled Banner”. Each class has also studied the history behind “The Star Spangled Banner” and its importance as our National Anthem. We have also begun reading melodic patterns by sight that include the first three pitches of the major scale, quarter note, and eighth note patterns. All classes are excelling at reading music! Middle school students also have the opportunity to audition for TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) All Region Middle School Choir on October 21st. Students selected for the choir will present a concert on December 2nd. To audition, students must return the commitment contract along with \$10 by October 2nd. Rehearsals for All-Region Choir will be held after school in the choir room (D112) from 3:45-4:30p.m. using the following schedule:

Monday - Sopranos

Tuesday - Altos

Wednesday - Tenors

Thursday - Basses

## High School

High school choir members have enjoyed learning Haydn’s “Kyrie” from *Missa Brevis Sancti*, “The Star Spangled Banner” arranged by Lloyd Pfautsch, “Ezekiel Saw the Wheel” arranged by Hayes, and “In Flanders’ Fields” by Christine Donkin. We are learning to sight read music and have been working within the key of C. Three of our high school students recently participated in the TMEA All-Region Choir auditions. Carolynn Graefser placed 15th, Audrey Peterson placed 6th and Brianna Townsend placed 10th. Audrey will advance to the second round and compete on October 14th. 9th and 10th grade students are also given the option to audition for the 9/10 All Region Choir. Auditions will take place on October 14th at Burleson High School. Students who wish to participate will need to sign the commitment form available from Mrs. Bartee and return it with \$10 by September 28th. Music for this audition is being learned in class.

