

**BUFFA, DEBORAH  
MUSIC - A CAPPELLA CHOIR  
FALL/SPRING 2007-2008  
ROOM 317**

**COURSE CONTENT:** This is an advanced choir which requires well developed music reading skills. The main thrust of this choir is refining the singer's musicianship through the performance of an extensive and highly diversified repertoire of standard choral literature. This choir demands that each student be an **independent singer and sight reader**. Since this choir is frequently called on to represent Royal Oak High School on a local, state and national level, each participant is expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct to and from those performances. These choir members are also expected to be exemplary citizens in their other high school classes and at all Royal Oak High School functions.

**GRADES WILL BE BASED ON:**

Class Participation	50%
Written Quizzes & Tests	25%
Concert Rehearsals & Performances	25%

**CLASS PARTICIPATION:** includes having a pencil every day to mark your scores. It is suggested that you keep one in the folder which has been assigned to you. Class participation also includes responsibility for music and performance attire. These materials should be handled with care. Citizenship also effects your class participation grade. Good rehearsal techniques demand self-discipline. Class participation grades may also be lowered when students are delinquent in returning permission slips, performance attire, fees, etc. Any student that is missing music or choir equipment, such as performance attire, costumes, books, props, etc. must replace or refund the monetary value of the lost item. Otherwise, the student will receive an incomplete on their report card until they have replaced or refunded the lost items.

**WRITTEN QUIZZES:** will be minimal in this class but each quiz should be taken seriously. Written quizzes must be made up on the first day you return after an absence. It is the student's responsibility to ask for the make up quiz.

**CONCERT ATTENDANCE:** is crucial. It is imperative that the singer provide **advance notice** of not being able to participate in **any A Cappella function**. That notice may be written or it may be phoned in, before the performance or rehearsal begins, when last minute emergencies arise. **Extended holiday vacations are not excusable. Upon discretion of the director, students will be given an assignment to write a paper to cover their missed performance/rehearsal. Papers will be assigned ONLY on PREARRANGED ABSENCES. Students that miss extra rehearsals/performances, without the director's prior knowledge, will be given a zero. (Only illness and death in family will be excused for absence.)** Attending District and State Choral Festivals is mandatory for this performing group.

**CLASSROOM RULES:**

1. Be polite. Do not interrupt while your instructor is speaking, or while other students are speaking. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Be on time. You must be in the room ready to work when the bell rings
3. Be prepared. Bring your folder, pencil, daily planner, and any specified supplies to class.
4. No one leaves the room during class.
5. Inappropriate behavior that detracts from the educational process could reflect in a lower grade.
6. **NO FOOD, CANDY, GUM, OR HATS IN THE CHOIR ROOM.** Breaking this rule affects your participation grade in class.

If a student chooses to break a rule, he/she will be given a warning. If the student continues to break the rules, a series of consequences will be followed. Such consequences include detention, parental contact, and office intervention and/or a drop of grade. NO student will be allowed to interrupt the learning of others or stop the class from functioning.

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I have read these policies and rules and I understand them. If I do not abide by these rules I will take responsibility for my actions and accept the consequences.

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

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STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE

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