

Lake Braddock Secondary School

High School Chorus

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The Choral Music Department is comprised of five skill-based ensembles. Students advance to the next level choir by demonstrating a higher understanding of the Choral Department Objectives. The five choirs are:

- ♪ Bel Canto- Beginning Women's Choir, 9th grade women only (926016)
- ♪ Men's Choir - Beginning/Intermediate Men's Choir, 9-12 (926017)
- ♪ Women's Vocal Ensemble- Intermediate Women's Choir, 10-12 (928516)
- ♪ Select Women's Ensemble - Advanced Women's Choir, 10-12 *audition required (925019)
- ♪ Singers - Advanced Mixed Choir, 10-12 * audition required (928915)

Auditions for the 2008-2009 School Year will be held on Monday, April 27th. Callbacks will be Thursday, April 30th. You must audition to be considered for an advanced ensemble. Audition materials will be available on the chorus website on or after March 23rd. Auditions include a prepared piece, sight-singing, and a basic theory test. Knowledge of singing technique and music theory are expected of advanced singers.

Opportunities

Lake Braddock's choirs travel each spring to different parts of the country for music festivals and adjudication. Places of interest include Nashville, New York City, Orlando, and Boston. Traveling gives our choirs opportunities to get feedback from clinicians from around the country, and to grow in their musicianship.

Each Fall, our department collaborates with Lake Braddock's Orchestra department to present a major work. We have performed such well known works as Handel's *Messiah*, Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, Mozart's *Requiem*, and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*.

Other concerts include a Children's Concert that benefits the community, a traditional Festival concert, including standard choral repertoire, and a Pop concert. In addition, our select ensembles perform throughout the community, singing at parties, special events, and ceremonies. Chorus members are eligible to audition for District, State, and Honors choirs each year. Lake Braddock is always well represented at these events.

Class Requirements

Choral students at Lake Braddock are expected to attend and perform in all concerts, and attend all after-school rehearsals. Grades are based on class participation, after-school rehearsals & performances, and tests & quizzes. Members of advanced choirs have required weekly sectional rehearsals. Singers of all skill and experience levels are welcome in the choral department.