

District Honour Choir



The District Honour Choir Program launched with great success 6 years ago and will be offered to students in grades 8 – 12 across West Vancouver Schools who demonstrate a special talent for choral singing.

What is the District Honour Choir Program?

District Honour Choir is a mixed and treble choir course that offers an opportunity to challenge and extend the learning of West Vancouver Schools' finest young singers in Grades 8-12. The course provides the potential for up to 5 years of credited music elective towards graduation.

The course is held on Tuesday evenings at West Vancouver Secondary School; the treble choir meets from 5:00-6:30pm and the mixed choir meets from 7-8:30pm. The first Tuesday of every month there will also be a mandatory musicianship session (ear training) for 20 minutes prior to the start of class.

The District Honour Choirs are auditioned groups that strive for excellence. The groups represent West Vancouver Schools with polished performances in the community, surrounding areas, and even abroad. Both choirs are competition groups that will enter music festivals to learn from experts, striving to continually improve.



How do I register?

1. Attend the **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:30pm** in the West Vancouver Secondary School Library (1750 Mathers Ave).
2. Sign up online for an AUDITION by 3:00pm on **Fri. Mar. 15, 2019** at: westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/honour-choir
3. You will receive an email to confirm your audition time and location by 3pm on **Tues. Apr. 2, 2019**.
4. Auditions will be held on **Apr. 17, 18 and 24** (and additional dates, if needed).

What are the pre-requisites?

- Experience singing in a choir (either school or community)
- Knowledge of basic music theory (e.g. note names, basic note values, basic dynamics and articulations)
- Enrolment in your school choir for the year in which you are registered for District Honour Choir
- Availability at concerts and extra rehearsals outside of regular class time (schedule provided at the start of each term)

Please note:

There is a \$200 materials fee for this course. Additionally, this group will travel each year (either locally or abroad) to attend festivals, workshops and performances. The cost for our annual trip (anywhere from \$250-\$5000, depending on our destination) is in addition to the \$200 course fee.

Information regarding these fees will be discussed at the PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT on Wed. Mar. 13, 2019 at 7:30pm in the WVSS Library (North Campus).