

## ARCHBISHOP CURLEY HIGH SCHOOL - Choral Ensemble (991 & 992)

### Course Requirements (2024-2025)

The Archbishop Curley Choir is a full-credit course offered by the Fine Arts Department. As such, each student who successfully completes the program will receive one (1) Fine Arts credit per year. Successful completion of this course satisfies the freshman Fine Arts course requirement.



### Membership & Grades

Because the Curley Choir is, in addition to being a course in the Curley curriculum, a performing ensemble charged with representing the school and its Fine Arts program, membership in the Curley Choir/Curley *Schola* is a privilege, not a right. For this reason, a student may be removed from the Curley Choir and/or the Curley *Schola* or may not be eligible to perform publically or accompany the Curley Choir/Schola on outings if he fails to demonstrate, in the sole opinion of the Choirmaster, the qualities of musicianship, responsibility, commitment and/or decorum necessary for the choir to effectively discharge its responsibilities. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in a concert, he will be given an academic assignment to complete in lieu of participating in the performance and dress rehearsal. The grade earned for this academic assignment will be entered as the student's grade for the concert. Please note that academic assignments are available as a concert-attendance alternative **only** if a student is disqualified from attending a concert and/or a dress rehearsal for a concert. Please also note that an unexcused failure to attend a concert dress rehearsal will disqualify a student from participating in the concert following the missed dress rehearsal. (If a freshman is dismissed from the course, he will be reassigned to an appropriate section of Music Appreciation for the balance of his freshman year, thus enabling him to satisfy his freshman Fine Arts course requirement.)

Each chorister will receive a grade for each quarter. In computing the quarter grades the following weighting factors apply:

20%	-	Attention & comporment during regular rehearsals
19%	-	Musical achievement
10%	-	Care/possession of scores & rehearsal/performance required materials
20%	-	Punctuality & attendance
20%	-	Work during performances, dress rehearsals, sectional rehearsals & choircamps
10%	-	Homework
1%	-	Achievement cards (extra credit)
100%		

- **“Attention & comporment during regular rehearsals”** grades a chorister's attentiveness and behavior at rehearsals scheduled during normal school hours. These include the daily morning rehearsal, which begins promptly at 7:35 A.M. and ends at 8:10 A.M., and any rehearsals conducted during the school day.
- **“Musical achievement”** is the grade assigned a chorister's musical effort and results. Please note that this grade is fluid during each academic quarter and may fluctuate, reflecting a chorister's current efforts and achievements.
- **“Care/possession of scores, etc.”** refers to a chorister's presence at rehearsals & performance with all required materials.
- **“Punctuality & Attendance”** assess a chorister's punctual presence at each required rehearsal and performance.
- **“Work during performances, etc.”** measures the quality of a chorister's contribution at performances, dress rehearsals, sectional rehearsals and choircamps., taking into account the chorister's experience and current abilities. The dates and times of currently-scheduled special rehearsals and performances are set out on the chart below.

**All choirmembers are required to plan to attend each of the following events noted on the chart below. Failure to so attend will have a significant negative impact on the missing chorister's course grade and may result in his dismissal from the choral program. Absence from all or part of a dress rehearsal automatically disqualifies a student from participating in the concert following the dress rehearsal. (N.B.-All students enrolled in the course are considered members of the Curley Choir for attendance purposes.)** Homework assignments are posted on the Choral Ensemble PlusPortals site. To receive credit for these assignments, each assignment must be completed and physically or electronically submitted, in the prescribed formats, by its indicated due date.

At the conclusion of each semester, immediately before or during the designated semester examination schedule, each chorister will complete a voice jury for the Choirmaster. This jury will require the chorister to demonstrate mastery of vocal techniques and repertoire taught during the previous semester. The grade for the jury will take into account the chorister's prior experience and physical capabilities. The chorister's jury grade will appear on the semester report card as the semester examination grade. As in the case of all other full-credit courses offered at the school, the grade for the semester examination will constitute 20% of the semester grade, with the two quarter grades constituting the remaining 80%. Consonant with school policy for missing semester examination, choristers failing to appear for a semester jury will receive a semester examination grade of "0". Students must schedule their jury dates and times using the SignUpGenius link that will be provided near the end of each semester.

### Class materials

Assignments are completed online. An online subscription to ToneSavvy, our online music theory teaching tool, is included at no extra charge to Curley Choir choristers.

### Uniforms

The three (3) types of uniforms worn by Curley Choir choristers are detailed in the *Choral Program Directory*. In order to perform in a performance, a chorister must be wearing the **complete** uniform required for that performance. Choristers not so attired will not be permitted to perform and will receive a grade of "0" for that performance.

### The Choral Program Directory

A multi-page booklet entitled *The Choral Program Directory* will be electronically distributed to all choir families via email and, subsequently, archived on the Choral Ensemble PlusPortals site. This booklet is in PDF format. Because this booklet contains essential information relevant to both the chorister and his family, it is suggested that this document be downloaded on phones, iPads and/or PCs so that it is available for frequent and ready reference during the academic year. The *Directory* is also archived on the course PlusPortals website, in the "Class Folder" under the "Files" bar. Among other important information, *The Choral Program Directory* contains dates and times of rehearsals and performances, grading/course credit information and uniform information.

### Curley Choir website, Curley Choir Weekly Bulletin & Information During the Choir Season & Contacting the Choirmaster

The Curley Choir website is accessed via the link at [www.curleychoir.com](http://www.curleychoir.com). The *Curley Choir Weekly Bulletin* is emailed weekly to all choristers and all choristers' parents/guardians. Also, as is the case with all Curley courses, students and parents/guardians must regularly check the course's PlusPortals site. Vital information will be archived on this site, along with other vital information, such as grading rubrics, grades, copies of all choir-related forms, directions, choircamp information, a copy of the *Choral Program Directory*, etc. **Please make certain that you keep the Choirmaster and the school informed of your current email address(es)!** The Choirmaster is always available to discuss aspects of the course with any chorister or parents/guardians. Please make arrangements dates and times for such discussions by contacting the Choirmaster via his email address at [mgaffney@archbishopcurley.org](mailto:mgaffney@archbishopcurley.org)

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
10/26/24-9:45 A.M.	Open House 2024-Session I	12/6/24-5:30 P.M.	Christmas Concert 2024
12/27/24-9:45 A.M.	Open House 2024-Session II	4/1/25-6:30 P.M.	Spring Concert 2025 Dress Rehearsal
12/5/24-6:30 P.M.	Christmas Concert 2024 Dress Rehearsal	4/2/25-5:30 P.M.	Spring Concert 2025

**Choristers and a parent/guardian are asked to sign one copy of this form, indicating that they have read and understand the course requirements herein set forth. Please retain one copy for your own reference. Thank you.**

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_