

Jaguar a cappella

AUDITION PACKET

BLUENOTES ACAPPELLA

Spring 2024

THE GROUP

Blue Notes A Cappella

Blue Notes is the contemporary a cappella group at Memorial Middle School. This group consists of students 7th & 8th grade singers and **students must be enrolled in an MMS Choir**. All rehearsals are after school (Jaguar A Cappella Camp during the summer). Blue Notes performs on Hilliard Idol, the Winter A Cappella Concert, and the Finale A Cappella Concert. They also perform on the MMS Talent Show at the end of the school year. Singers in Blue Notes are able to participate in after school sports but must also understand the year-long commitment to a cappella and keep all lines of communication open with coaches and the director. Students in Blue Notes are expected to learn music outside of rehearsals and to come to rehearsals well prepared.



Questions? Email: kelsey_burkett@hboe.org

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A U D I T I O N P R O C E S S

Solo Audition

Solo auditions will occur the first two scheduled audition days (**April 18 (MS) + 19th (6th Grade) 2024**). April 18th will be at Memorial for current 7th graders. April 19 will be at Station for current sixth grade students. You will have a scheduled 3 minute audition slot where you will sing a **pop song a cappella**. Audition sign ups will be available on Sign Up Genius. Students will be asked to sing one verse and one chorus of their song (approx. 1 minute) however, you may be asked to sing more of the song (a 'pop song' includes almost every style of music excluding classical and musical theater). Auditionees are encouraged to pick music they listen to in their free time and a song that best showcases their voice. Students will receive an email notifying them if they are receiving a callback audition.

**Middle School Solo Auditions will be Thursday, April 18 from 3pm-4:30pm
Memorial Middle School Choir Room**

**Sixth Grade Solo Auditions will be Friday, April 19 from 3pm-4:30pm
Station Choir Room**

Callback Audition

Callbacks will occur after the solo auditions (**Monday, April 22, 2024**) at the Memorial Middle School Choir Room. Students will be notified by email about callbacks. Due to the nature of putting together a group of voices, it is a requirement to attend callbacks for the full duration to be placed in a group. Those who have received a callback will have one full day to prepare a song provided by the directors. **Students should learn the part specified by the director in the callback email** (Some students may be asked to learn multiple parts). Sheet music as well as learning tracks will be provided and students are encouraged to work together to prepare. It is an expectation that you come to callbacks knowing your part extremely well. You are not required to have the song memorized, but you should know it well enough that you only need to glance at the music. Following the callbacks, the director will announce a list of those students who have made each group.

PLEASE READ: What we are looking for in your audition: Strength of voice, tone quality, pitch, dynamics, range, confidence, emotion, and "stage presence". We are also looking to put together groups with a good **balance** of voices that will **blend** together. Please understand that if you do not make it, there are many factors that go into choosing people for an a cappella group.

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COMMITMENT

Rehearsal Commitment

Blue Notes A Cappella: Thursdays 2:45- 4 PM

As a member of a Jaguar A Cappella group there are attendance requirements. You will **not** be allowed to miss more than **one** unexcused rehearsals per semester. School sports will be accommodated, but singers will still be expected to attend Blue Notes Rehearsals until at least 3:30 PM. Exceeding one unexcused absence during a school year will affect your eligibility for membership in a group. Please email the director 24 hours or more before the rehearsal as to your absence, and the reason for your absence. If you are sick, please notify the director even if you missed school. It is your responsibility to find out from someone in your section what you missed and get any rehearsal notes and information.

Financial Commitment

Fees: Participation in Jaguar A Cappella runs throughout the school year and is much like a three season sport. Due to this, we have fees to cover the cost of what we do throughout the year. The fees for participation in Blue Notes A Cappella is **\$175**. This fee covers the cost of purchasing arrangements for the group, t - shirts, food, performance equipment rentals, supplemental staffing, and clinicians. For example, each arrangement costs between \$400-\$800 dollars. **Fees are due at the INFO Meeting for students on May 21st 2024** (Please make checks payable to Hilliard Music Boosters).

INFO Meeting 2024

If accepted into a group, we will hold informational meetings for students on **May 22nd, 2024**. Fees are due for all members at this meeting. Cash or checks (made payable to Hilliard Music Boosters). The fees for participation in Blue Notes is **\$175**. The camp fee (\$75) can be paid at this meeting or on the first day of camp in July.

Meeting time -

3-3:45 PM Memorial Middle School Choir Room

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JAGUAR A CAPPELLA CAMP

We are very excited for Jaguar A Cappella Camp 2023! This year we are again devoting an entire week to kick off the year for all four Jaguar a cappella groups. This week will run Monday through Friday during the day. We will learn music, play games, have group bonding, learn from clinicians, and end the week with a mini-concert for family and friends!

Who: All FOUR Jaguar A Cappella groups. Shades of Blue, ECHO, WAVE, and Blue Notes!

What: An amazing week of bonding, singing, learning, and having fun!

When: July 10th - 14th (9am - 4pm) including a concert on Friday afternoon!

Where: Bradley High School

Food: Students should pack their own lunch Monday - Thursday. Friday's lunch will be provided as well as snacks and water throughout the week!

Cost: The cost for camp is **\$75**. Checks can be made payable to Hilliard Music Boosters. This cost covers snacks, water, lunch for Friday, clinicians during the week, equipment costs, and activities.

You do not want to miss this week!

July 8th- 12th

SOLO AUDITION

SIGN UP GENIUS

Current 7th Graders - April 18, 2024

Current 6th Graders - April 19, 2024

I,



_____ commit to be at every rehearsal **on time** during

(print your name)

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the 2024 - 2025 school year. I commit to work hard at every rehearsal and practice, learn, and memorize music outside of rehearsal. I also understand the **financial responsibilities** of fees and performance outfits for being in a Jaguar A Cappella group.

_____ (sign your name)

_____ (Parental or guardian signature)

A U D I T I O N E E I N F O R M A T I O N

Name: _____ Student Phone #: _____

Parent Phone #: _____ Parent Email: _____

Student Email (school emails only): _____ Grade: _____

Student ID # _____ Voice Part: _____ T - Shirt Size: _____

I am auditioning for (circle one or both) **Singing** and/or **Vocal Percussion**

Explain why you would like to be a part of Jaguar A Cappella: _____

Please list any extra curricular activities you are involved with or plan to join in the coming school year (please include practice/meeting times) : _____

Any other information about you that is relevant to your audition?

(For Director use only - This is how you will be evaluated)

AUDITION EVALUATION FORM

Name: _____

Voice Classification: S1 S2 A1 A2 T B1 B2 VP (beatbox)

Song Title: _____

Vocal Performance:

Strength of Voice: 1 2 3 4 5

Tone Quality: 1 2 3 4 5

Intonation: 1 2 3 4 5

Dynamics: 1 2 3 4 5

Range: 1 2 3 4 5

Visual Performance:

Confidence: 1 2 3 4 5

Interpretation: 1 2 3 4 5

Emotion: 1 2 3 4 5

Stage Presence: 1 2 3 4 5

General Feedback & Comments:

Callback: Yes or No