



BLUE NOTES A CAPPELLA
HILLIARD MEMORIAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Blue Notes Audition Packet
2019-20

BLUE NOTES AUDITION PROCESS

What is a cappella? A Cappella Singing has taken the world by storm! With groups like Pentatonix, Home Free, The Swingle Singers, and shows like "The Sing Off" and "Pitch Perfect", A Cappella is providing a new way for singers to express themselves through song! This is a great way to expand your musicianship and develop as performer, PLUS, you get to make great friends and create lasting memories!

Be a part of the MMS BLUE NOTES and learn the tools for successful a cappella singing at the high school level and beyond!

We are looking for DYNAMIC performers and your audition will be judged based on strength of voice, intonation, musicality, emotion, confidence, and stage presence!

Solo Audition

Solo auditions will take place on **Tuesday, August 27 from 2:45-5 PM** All prospective singers must sign up for an audition time in the MMS Choir Room (Room 164). You will sing a **POP** song a **cappella**. (no classical or music theatre). You are asked to sing one verse and one chorus of your song. You are encouraged to pick music that you listen to on a regular basis that best showcases your voice.

Callbacks will take place on **Tuesday, September 3 from 2:45-4 PM**. If you are called back, you will be notified via email. A Google Folder will be shared with you that contains the music and learning tracks for callbacks. One of the categories you will be judged on is your ability to learn music via these learning tracks and incorporate your vocal into an ensemble.

Solo Auditions Tuesday, August 28 from 2:45-5:00 PM in the MMS Choir Room

Callbacks Tuesday, September 3 2:45-4 PM

Students MUST attend the audition and callback to be considered for Blue Notes.

Questions? Email: kelsey_burkett@hboe.org

Rehearsal and Performance Commitments

Every Tuesday 2:45-4 PM. Rehearsals will modify during the musical season (January-early March). Members of Blue Notes are expected to meet all rehearsal and performance requirements. Enrollment in daily choir is mandatory. More than **two** missed (unexcused) rehearsals during the semester may result in dismissal from the group. Athletes are permitted to participate in Blue Notes, but may have to put in additional rehearsal time in order to be ready for performances. **Ongoing communication with Ms. Burkett and coaches is vital.**

Arrangements will be made so that those athletes who have conflicts can participate in both their sport and Blue Notes.

Blue Notes will perform at all MMS Choir Concerts and by invitation to outside performance gigs for the District, Bradley HS, Memorial MS, or other local businesses. A weekend competition trip is in the works for the 2020 Winter/Spring season. More info to come!

Financial Commitment

Fee: **\$75**. This goes towards the cost of purchasing music, t-shirt, equipment, and travel expenses. All of our music is custom arranged for our ensemble and includes digital learning tracks for the singers. **Fees are due at the first rehearsal in September***. (Checks payable to **Hilliard Music Boosters**)*The cost can be split up over the course of the school year if necessary.

Performance Outfit: Women: Black Base Business Casual (school appropriate) (Example: Black jeans and fancy black shirt, black jumpsuit, black leggings with black top, etc.) with black dress shoe and a Jaguar Blue Accent (scarf, belt, jewelry, etc.) Men: black dress pants, black belt, black dress shoes, Jaguar Blue OR black dress shirt.

******Women, please save the receipt for your outfit purchase. Ms. Burkett will need to see your outfit and finalize approval.

ICHSA Quarter Finals: Pending the competition results, we may possible travel to support Bradley's Shades of Blue in their competition set.

Competition Trip: Info TBA

Members of Blue Notes understand that they are acting as a musical ambassador for the Hilliard City School District and all school policies remain in effect at all times whether on campus or off.

Blue Notes Calendar 2019-20

Dates are subject to change and performances may be added. Ms. Burkett will give advance notice to any changes.

Rehearsals and Retreats

September 10: 2:45-4	December 3: 2:45-4
September 17: 2:45-4	January 7: 2:45-4
September 24: 2:45-4	January 14: 2:45-4
September 28 RETREAT 11 AM-4 (Mandatory)	January 21: 2:45-4
October 1: 2:45-4	January 25: Choreography Day 11-3 (Mandatory)
October 8: 2:45-4	January 28: 2:45-4
October 15: NO REHEARSAL (DC Week)	February 4: 2:45-4
October 22: 2:45-4	February 11: 2:45-4
October 29: 2:45-4	February 18 & 25: Musical Tech & Dress Rehearsals, No Rehearsals
November 5: No Rehearsal (No School)	March 10: 2:45-4
November 12: 2:45-4	March 17: 2:45-4
November 19: 2:45-4	
November 26: TBD Pending Member Travel Schedule	<i>Spring TBD</i>

Performances (More TBD)
October 8 Fall Choir Concert
October 22 Station Sixth Grade Fall Concert
November 23 Hilliard Idol
December 9 Holiday Festival
March 18 World Music Concert
March 2020-Competition Trip

PLEASE BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR AUDITION

By committing to be a part of Blue Notes, I _____, am agreeing to the rehearsal and performance requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. I understand the rehearsal and outside rehearsal practice commitments and the character and responsibility of representing this organization.

(Student Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Student Email: _____ Grade: _____

Choir Period: _____ Voice Part: _____ T Shirt Size: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student Email: (For performance tracks and communication) _____

I am auditioning for (circle all that apply): Singer Vocal Percussion

List Previous singing experience:

Why would you like to be a part of Blue Notes?

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Are you an athlete? YES NO

If Yes, please list all sports, practice times, and seasons:

Any other information you would like to share with us? (Special skills, talents, etc.)
