

lafayette choir

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Thursday, January 21, 2021
7:00 pm

Register Online.

www.lafayettechoir.org/InfoNight

Open to current 8th-11th graders.

<https://fcps-net.zoom.us/j/99723539628>

or

Join session by phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 997 2353 9628

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Dear Students and Parents,

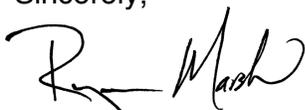
We would like to invite you to sign up for Lafayette Choir for the 2021-22 school year. Lafayette choir has nearly 200 members in 6 choirs and is one of the largest, most active programs in Kentucky. Being involved in the arts is the thing to do at Lafayette! With travel, all-state choir, and combined Lafayette choir concerts, events and camps, we offer unparalleled opportunities for singers. Even during the pandemic, we have continued the tradition of singing at Lafayette. We have held optional in-person rehearsals (following athletic group and additional music ensemble safety guidelines) to give our singers much needed opportunities for a social and creative outlet. We are proud of our students and their resiliency and look forward to a bright future with you or your student as a member of Lafayette Choir!

We will host an online informational session on January 21, 7PM via Zoom to share more about choir and how to get involved. You will have the opportunity to talk with the directors, hear from current students and hear about all the great opportunities that await.

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About the choirs: No audition required!!! If you sign up for choir, you are in. We simply do “hearings” to find the right voice part and level for you. Even if you think you are not the best solo singer, we teach you everything you need to know to be a part of our groups. No experience necessary. Be sure to select choir when you register for classes later this month. Please don’t hesitate to contact one of us if you have questions. Join the literally thousands of students who, through the years, have been a part of the tradition of excellence of Lafayette Choir. **Don’t miss this opportunity! Sign up for choir when you register in January.**

Sincerely,



Ryan Marsh,
Director of Choirs



Laura Howard,
Vocal Instructor/Director



Choir FAQ's

Is choir for me?

We think everyone can learn to sing. If you want to be here and don't mind working hard as a team, then choir is for you. When you start in our program, you will learn all you need to be a part of choir. We work with everyone to progress through the choirs during your time at LHS.

How many choirs are there?

We have 6 choirs at Lafayette. There is something for everyone. See our [ensembles page](#) for a description.

How many students are in the choirs?

The Lafayette choirs serve nearly 200 individual students each year. We range from choirs as big as 70 to choirs as small as 15. Lafayette is a place for the Arts and over 600 students each year participate in music and drama.

Will I be in choir with my friends?

We recognize that being a part of a performing ensemble can be a positive social experience for students. We believe that if you aren't in choir with your friends, those in choir will soon become your friends.

Do I have to Audition?

Auditions are not required for Men's and Women's choirs. All other choirs require an audition.

How can I fit choir in my schedule?

It may seem daunting to plan out your schedule for high school with all the course requirements facing you, but if you take a broad look at all four years, you CAN be a part of choir each year of high school. In fact, if you take 3 years of choir you can satisfy your arts credit and do not have to take the Arts & Humanities class as a junior.

When do the choirs meet?

All curricular choirs meet during the school day. We have a pop ensemble that meets after school. We occasionally have after-school rehearsals and concerts. The daily choir schedule can change from year to year.

Can I do it all—including drama and sports?

We believe that active and involved students are successful students. Our singers are often the most active and involved students ranging from student council, speech, drama, band, orchestra and sports. We encourage students to be involved and do our best to be accommodating with our schedule.

What kind of music do the choirs sing?

We perform all varieties of music from classical to multi-cultural to gospel and even popular music, we try to sing as many styles as we can. We do emphasize the importance of learning standard repertoire. Once you can do the standards and have a solid foundation in vocal technique, you can branch out to other styles.

Do I have to have a good solo voice?

You do not need a great solo voice to be in choir. We help you develop your individual voice to the best of your ability. We encourage individual accountability and through class as well as optional after-school private lessons. Being a part of choir is about contributing to something larger than oneself. We need and want everyone to contribute *their* best voice.

Are private lessons required?

Private lessons are certainly not required. We encourage individual improvement by sponsoring an optional after-school private lesson program ([M2](#)) that is subsidized by the Chorus Boosters Board.

When are auditions?

The choral department places all incoming freshmen in Men and Women's choir without audition. The exceptions to this are for scheduling requirements for SCAPA students. If you would like to schedule a special audition for a higher choir level, contact [Mrs. Howard](#). These take place in April and later through the Spring and Summer as needed by appointment. Auditions focus primarily on basic sight-reading skills.

Should I expect to get into Singers as a freshmen?

It is rare that freshmen make Advanced Lafayette Singers. It is important that all incoming students receive a solid foundation in solfege, sight-singing and vocal technique in Men's and Women's choirs. We work with students in these groups to develop skills to prepare to audition for advanced choirs. Lafayette has many outstanding singers both in SCAPA and not. Everyone has to work hard to attain a place in advanced choirs.

I thought Lafayette is just for SCAPA students?

Lafayette hosts the School for Creative and Performing Arts magnet program. But Lafayette is a great place for all musicians and artists. We have 3 choirs that SCAPA students are a part of. Only about 40 of our nearly 200 singers are SCAPA voice majors. In music ensembles, SCAPA students and NON-SCAPA students sit side-by-side and work together to make the best choirs possible!