

# **BGHS Choral Program**

**TREBLE CHOIR (Period 1)** ~ The enrollment in this choir includes all freshman girls and any first-year sophomore, junior or senior girl. This is the only choir in which freshman girls may enroll. This choir focuses on good vocal technique and music theory skills. We work on challenging, yet fun literature to really begin to develop all skills needed for performance and music literacy. Period 1 TREBLE CHOIR performs with Period 2 TREBLE CHOIR at 4 major concerts at BGHS per year.

**TREBLE CHOIR (Period 2)** ~ The enrollment in this choir includes sophomore – junior girls with one year of choir participation. This choir MAY include first-year sophomore – senior girls if it is better for their schedule. This choir focuses on fine-tuning the skills introduced in Period 1 TREBLE CHOIR. Period 2 TREBLE CHOIR performs with Period 1 TREBLE CHOIR at 4 major concerts at BGHS per year.

**CONCERT CHOIR (Period 5)** ~ The enrollment in this choir includes all freshman boys, all first-year sophomore – senior boys, all advanced boys; all advanced sophomore – senior girls with a minimum of one year of BG Choir participation (placed by audition only). This choir focuses on high quality SATB choral literature while continuing to master our vocal technique and theory skills through performance. CONCERT CHOIR performs at 3 major concerts at BGHS per year, as well as the District 214 Honors Music Festival at Rolling Meadows High School and Pick Staiger BG Music Department Concert at Northwestern University.

**CHAMBER CHOIR (Period 5/9)** ~ The enrollment in this choir includes 12 – 24 highly motivated members (girls and boys) of CONCERT CHOIR by audition only. This choir focuses on extremely difficult SATB choral literature while continuing to master vocal technique and high-level music literacy. CHAMBER CHOIR is a graded, curricular course that rehearses as a stacked course with Period 5 CONCERT CHOIR. CHAMBER CHOIR appears as VOCAL ENSEMBLE 2 Period 9 on your schedule. CHAMBER CHOIR performs at 3 major concerts at BGHS per year, Pick Staiger BG Music Department Concert at Northwestern University, as well as regional festivals and competitions.

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**VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE (Period 9)** ~ The enrollment in this choir includes 9 – 20 highly motivated members (girls and boys) by audition only. Members **MUST** be a participant in one of the other curricular choirs. This choir focuses on extremely difficult vocal jazz literature with an emphasis on jazz vocal technique and high-level jazz literacy. **VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE** is a graded, curricular course that rehearses most Tuesday afternoons from 5:00 – 6:00pm. **VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE** appears as **VOCAL ENSEMBLE 2 Period 9** on your schedule. **VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE** performs at 3 major concerts at BGHS per year, as well as the Orchestra POPS concert and regional festivals and competitions.

**The EXPRESSIONS Show Choir (Period 6)** ~ The enrollment in this choir includes 30 – 48 highly motivated members (girls and boys) by audition only. Members **MUST** be a participant in either **CONCERT CHOIR, BAND OR ORCHESTRA**. This show choir has a 42-year history at BGHS and focuses on extremely difficult show choir literature with an emphasis on vocal and dance technique. **EXPRESSIONS** is a graded, curricular course that rehearses Period 6 as well as many extra-curricular rehearsals. **EXPRESSIONS** performs 3 - 4 Preview Performances at BGHS per year, as well as the Expressions Cabaret and Big Show. The **EXPRESSIONS** is a nationally recognized competitive show choir that competes regionally and nationally 3 – 5 times per year.

