

# Lake Brantley High School

## Patriot Chorus Handbook

**2020-21**



Welcome to the Lake Brantley High School Patriot Chorus!! This handbook will give you an overview of important information for this class in the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you all so much for supporting the arts and being involved in the LBHS Patriot Chorus program. This year will be different, but we will be embarking on exciting and creative new experiences together. Many of our traditional events will either be postponed or reimagined. Because I am not exactly sure of what that will look like, I appreciate your patience while these details are in flux. I will do my best to communicate as soon as I know more information.

Please review the following known information on our class in detail:

### CHORUS DUES

**\$30.00 - This is a reduced price given the current circumstances and will cover expenses for the 2020-21 school year.**

**Additional \$10.00 if students are in Spectrum (this group will have a few more expenses for some additional opportunities).**

**Additional \$15.00 if students are in ForteFy (this group will have a few more expenses for some additional opportunities).**

This cost includes sheet music, the 2020-21 Chorus T-Shirt, general chorus costs including but not limited to instrumentalists, new technologies for virtual activities and concerts, and guest clinicians.

**Chorus Dues should NEVER discourage a student or families to be involved in the chorus department. We understand that many families are in difficult financial positions due to the pandemic or other circumstances. If you need to be enrolled in a payment plan of any sort, please contact [powersnz@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:powersnz@scps.k12.fl.us) asap.**

## CALENDAR

This year's events are not set in stone just yet! We are waiting to hear about some more guidelines. All new information will be shared ASAP! :-)

## GRADING POLICIES

For the first nine weeks grades will be calculated based on the following:

- Assignments - 80%
- Quizzes/Tests - 20%

Updates on your student's performance can always be obtained from Mr. Powers via Skyward, email(preferred), or phone call.

We may have in-person concerts soon, and if so grades will be calculated as follows:

- Performances - 50%
- Assignments - 40%
- Quizzes/Tests - 10%

## Recommended Supplies

A device (laptop or tablet preferred; smart phones works too)

Headphone that work with that device

## Procedures

My goal this year is to keep you as safe as possible. Therefore, I will be acting with an abundance of caution in the classroom and online to ensure your safety and well being as much as I can. Please review the following procedures for both models of learning.

### **When In-Person**

- Masks are required at all times.
- When walking into the classroom, go directly to your seat and start on any work or use the Chorus Kindness Padlet before class begins.
- Your backpack will go under your seat when you walk into class.
- Please stay within your square as best as you can during class.
- Absolutely no touching anyone else even if they're your friend.
- You will receive three physical bathroom passes per quarter. If you have extra at the end of the nine weeks you will get candy or a sheet of stickers!
- Please use the restroom sign out link TWICE - to sign-out and to sign back in. The link is [tinyurl.com/restroomchoir](https://tinyurl.com/restroomchoir). There is also a QR code on the chorus room doors.
- If you need to use a tissue please blow your nose outside and throw away outside.
- If you need hand sanitizer raise your hand and I will give you some.
- Do not touch any pianos or piano keyboards unless specially asked to.
- The water fountain is off limits until further notice. Please bring a water bottle for class.

- While in the practice room please use your time wisely.
- After finishing in the practice room sanitize everything you touch.
- Each day please clean your chair during the last few minutes of class. I will hand you a paper towel with sanitizer at the end of class each day. Please make sure to clean the legs, bottom, top, back fully covered with sanitizer.
- At the end of class please wait for me to hold the door open before exiting.
- Classroom Instrument procedures
  - Be very careful with all instruments, you may have to pay to replace them if you break any.
  - No hitting others with instruments.
  - **Do not play with instruments at inappropriate times and unless you are asked to.**

### **Seminole Connect Procedures**

- You are at school when on Seminole Connect. The expectation is that you will be involved in the class for the entire class period.
- Attend class outside of your bed.
- Use headphones when possible.
- Try to find an isolated space where you feel comfortable singing.
- Please refrain from playing with pets unless we have designated bring your pet to class time.
- Please have your camera on and stay in view during video calls.
- Please use the restroom sign out link TWICE (to sign-out and to sign back in). The link is [tinyurl.com/restroomchoir](https://tinyurl.com/restroomchoir).
- Have your microphone on mute unless told otherwise.
- Sing when asked (on mute).
- During instruction, or when another student is speaking on camera, please watch the screen and refrain from talking to other people.
- Come to class on time and fill out the daily attendance form as soon as possible.
- Only type appropriate comments in the chat.
- Do not use the chat function at inappropriate times; the chat should only be used for questions during instructions.
- Do not draw on a shared screen during class.

### Verification

Please verify that you have read and understood the contents of this handbook. I look forward to a wonderful year with you all!

Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Powers