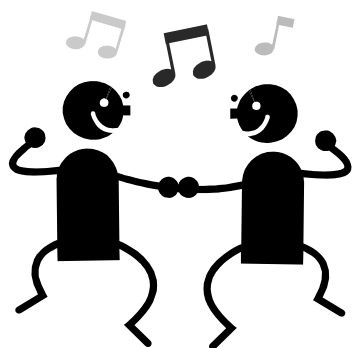




# Anderson-Livsey Chorus



2014-2015

Welcome to the Anderson-Livsey Chorus! This handbook covers the things you need to know about our exciting year. Please take the time to read this book with your parents. When you are done reading it carefully, please sign and return the last page. I am looking forward to the fun we will have this year!

Sincerely,

Lauren Blanchard

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## Rehearsals



Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:30 PM in the Chorus room. Students with extra parts, such as speaking or playing an instrument, may be required to attend extra rehearsals. To have a productive rehearsal, students must show **exemplary behavior**. Students are expected to participate fully in every rehearsal. This involves singing, moving, and listening as directed.

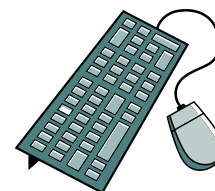
If a student is disrupting rehearsal (talking, not singing, touching others, etc.), they will be removed from the rehearsal area and be put in time-out. In time-out, students are given an opportunity to change their behavior and participate correctly. **If a student is removed the rehearsal area two times, he/she will no longer be allowed to participate in Chorus.**

**Note:** In some cases, a student may be removed from Chorus without a time-out.

## Uniform

The Chorus uniform is to be worn at all performances, whether in or out of school, unless notified otherwise. Students will wear: Chorus T-shirt, black pants, black shoes, and black socks. Jewelry is fine as long as it is kept simple. On cold days, a solid long-sleeved shirt may be added underneath the chorus shirt.

## Contact Information



If you need to contact me, email is preferred. You may email me at:  
*lauren\_blanchard@gwinnett.k12.ga.us*

If you prefer by telephone, you may call me at the school (678-344-2082).  
Your call will be returned at the end of the school day.

# Attendance



Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal and performance. If a student is not in his/her place on time, he or she will be counted absent. **Students are expected to attend every rehearsal and performance for the entire duration.** We have a lot of really exciting, challenging repertoire we will be learning. Students who do not attend rehearsal consistently will not be able to learn the material and will not be prepared for the performance. **Students who have an unexcused absence from a performance will no longer be able to participate in Chorus.**

If a student is absent from Chorus rehearsal, he/she must bring Ms. Blanchard a note from a parent the day following a missed rehearsal for an excused absence. **If no written excuse note is received within three days of the absence, the student will be marked as unexcused.** Excused absences include absence from school, doctor's appointment, etc. Forgetting is **NOT** a valid excuse for missing rehearsal. The note must be written and signed by the parent, or it may be e-mailed by the parent to:

*lauren\_blanchard@gwinnett.k12.ga.us*

**Students are allowed one unexcused absence per performance period.** If a student has more than one unexcused absence, he/she may not be allowed to attend a performance or may be removed from Chorus. The number of excused absences allowed will be evaluated based on the number of rehearsals before a performance.

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## Dismissal



Please make sure your student has a ride home promptly at 4:30. Students should be picked up in the Car Rider Lane in the back of the school. Students are allowed one late pick-up. **Students picked up late more than once will be removed from Chorus. Additionally, students that leave rehearsal early more than once will be removed from Chorus.**

Due to the number of Chorus members, there is typically a line of cars waiting to pick-up students. **Please remain in your car.** We will walkie-talkie the name of your student to an adult inside the building and your student will come outside. We will try to do this as quickly as possible.

**Parents are expected to be in the Car Rider Lane at 4:30.** As long as there is a line of cars, students will not be counted as late. However, when the line ends, all remaining students are counted as late. **If a parent chooses not to get in line at 4:30 and pulls up slightly later, you risk being counted as late.**

Being in Chorus is a privilege. I love providing extra musical enrichment for students. I am volunteering this time. I am not volunteering time after 4:30 to wait for students to be picked up. If you know you will not be able to pick up your student at 4:30, please communicate that to your student so he/she does not stay for Chorus.

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**Note: If a student is picked up after 5:00, he/she will be removed from Chorus immediately.**



## 2014-2015 Schedule



### August:

20 Wednesday - Regular Chorus rehearsals begin 3:00 - 4:30 PM

### September:

18 Thursday - International Night Performance - arrive by 6:30 PM

24 Wednesday - No Rehearsal (Early Release)

### October:

25 Saturday - Anthem at Gwinnett Gladiators Game

### November:

TBA Solo Auditions (voluntary)

### December:

11 Thursday - School assembly, Concert 6:30 PM, arrive by 6:00 PM

12 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Chorus Auditions - 7:15 AM

TBA Sing for Santa at Gwinnett Gladiators Game - 12/13 or 12/14

17 Wednesday - No Rehearsal (End of Semester)

### January:

7 Wednesday - Regular Chorus rehearsals resume 3:00 - 4:30 PM

13 Wednesday - Honor Chorus rehearsals begin 7:15 - 7:45 AM

26 - 30 Mon.-Fri.- Musical auditions 7:15 AM each morning (subject to change)

### February

5 Friday - Speaking roles rehearsals begin 3:00 - 4:30 PM

19 Thursday - School Assembly, Black History Concert 6:30 PM, arrive 6:00 PM

25 Wednesday - No Rehearsal (Early Release)

### March

7 Saturday - Honor Chorus concert for those students involved

### April

23 Costume Party

### May:

6 Wednesday - Last Rehearsal

7 Thursday - School Assembly, Musical 6:30 PM, arrive 6:00 PM

13 Wednesday - Pizza Party, 3:00 - 4:30

# Singer Contract



By signing this contract, you commit to participate in chorus for the entire year.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Parent E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the A-L Chorus Handbook. I understand and support the attendance policy, and I will help make sure that my child is picked up from each rehearsal on time. If my child is absent or late, I understand I must provide a written excuse as soon as my child returns to school.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this is my commitment and choice to be a part of chorus this year. I will do my best to attend every rehearsal and to be on my best behavior.

Singer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please return this sheet AND the T-shirt order form with \$10 to Ms. Blanchard by Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.