



JCHS Jet Choir Virtual Plan

Fall 2020

It is the mission of the James Clemens Jet Choir to be among the highest achieving choral programs in our state, as well as to give our students the life long love of singing and choral music. The path towards achieving those goals will look very different this year, but we will be working diligently and creatively towards the development of our young singers.

Content and Graded material will be provided for students DAILY covering a range of topics such as solo singing, vocal technique, music theory, and music history. Content will be shared and graded via SCHOOLGY and it will be the responsibility of the student to have all assignments completed within one week of the posted date.

Students will be expected to record and submit recordings of themselves singing at least once a week, but they will only be shared with the class upon an agreement between the teacher and student.

Students will be expected to participate in or watch a recorded version of a live stream session every WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY via Webex. All links and recordings will be found on schoology. 2nd block sessions will occur from 10-10:30 and 4th block sessions will be from 2:30-3.

Due to the complications caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, choir will be drastically altered for the foreseeable future namely the absence of in person rehearsals and concerts. Thus, all booster activities and fees (aside from an occasional virtual meeting) will be suspended until further notice.

However, the choir will still be working daily to provide our community with a variety of musical performances throughout the year. All students should be prepared to participate in a virtual performance of some kind that will be shared via social media. Any student/family not wishing to participate should notify Mr. Gessner immediately.

Below you'll find the district wide COVID response plan for choir both virtually and when in person school resumes. Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to hwgessner@madisoncity.k12.al.us

Performanced-Based Chorus Madison City Choral Directors

Randall Fields - Bob Jones High School

Harris Gessner - James Clemens High School

Marla Jenkins - Discovery Middle School

Alicia Mulloy - Liberty Middle School

What you can expect:

- Singing only outside when social distancing guidelines can be met.
- Any first semester performance will be shared via a recording and may include solos, small groups or virtual choir.
- Grades will include ear training, music theory, music appreciation/history, composition, individual vocal assessment.
- Students can continue to hone skills reading and notating music.
- Students will listen to, analyze, and describe music.
- Students will evaluate music and music performances.
- Students will have the opportunity to understand relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
- Students will gain more understanding of music in relation to history and culture.
- Class pianos may be utilized during Chorus class (high schools only) and sanitized after each use.
- Parents and students should understand that students' performance recordings may be shared with other students and parents as part of their performance-based class requirements.

What you will not see:

- Group singing indoors (following school, local, and state mandates)
- In-person performances (following school, local, and state mandates)
- Sharing of music or materials. (Students will pay for any lost or damaged music. Teachers will share music electronically when permitted.)