Welcome to Choir here at Dixon Middle School! I am so excited to have you here! It is my sincerest hope that you will enjoy being a part of our choirs. I believe that the choirs here at DMS will offer you many opportunities to develop a keen sense for responsibility as you consistently demonstrate your musical abilities. The participation that you put forth in rehearsals, as well as concerts or any other performance will allow you to grow, as well as to continually strive towards excellence!

It is our goal to get our choirs here at Dixon Middle School performing and connecting with others within our community. By doing this, as students you are expected to be focused, and be respectful to others at all times. Not only while in our classroom, but most importantly during a performance when you are representing our school. Disrespect for yourself, as well as others will not be tolerated. Our classroom will adopt and enforce an appropriate discipline policy in accordance with the Classroom Discipline Policy as outlined in the student handbook. As students, you will have a choice. Though, be aware that yes, there are, and will be consequences for those choices.

This document is being provided as a source of information to students as well as for parents. I am excited for this school year, our goal is to create music and to have a great time doing it! As the year proceeds and dates for concerts are released, as well as performances, please be aware that a note will be sent home with your student as soon as these dates are available. If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me anytime! (Contact information provided above - if you do call, please leave me a message and I will contact to you as soon as possible. Though the quickest to reach me is more than likely through e-mail)

Thank you!
Mr. Jeremiah Tijerina

Attendance:
The Attendance and Tardy Policies as outlined in your student handbook will be enforced in our classroom. In addition, daily attendance and participation is crucial for you to be successful in this class. Be punctual! As soon as the bell rings, you are expected to be in your seat, have your notebook out & working on your bell assignment.

Class Rules:
1. Respect yourself, one another, as well as your music.
2. No talking during rehearsal.
3. No food, gum or drinks are allowed in class. (Water is OK)
4. Follow Directions
5. Be on time!
6. Do your best!
**Materials:**
These materials are needed for class everyday:
- Pencil
- 1” binder with paper
- Respect and Discipline

**Fees:**
Beginning 7th Grade Choir: No Fees are needed!
Girls Choir: $10
Concert Choir: $10

All fees are to be paid to the Main Office. Mr. Tijerina will not handle any monies in connection with the program.

**Performance Attire:**
Beginning 7th Grade Choir:
- Ladies: Black Skirt/ White Top, Black Shoes, Black Socks/ Hose.

**NO DENIM, NO T-SHIRTS, NO SANDALS, NO TENNIS SHOES!**

If anyone has trouble finding the means of providing for themselves the necessary clothing, please contact Mr. Tijerina so that we can work something out.

Girls Choir: To be discussed in class.

Concert Choir: To be discussed in class.

**Performances:**
All performances are mandatory of all students if your ensemble is involved. By being part of a performing arts group, performances are essential to the growth of our ensemble, as well as becoming a better musician. As an ensemble, every single person is important to the success of the group.

Failure to participate in a performance will result in your grade not being as good as it could be. As performances are scheduled, and are events that cannot be made up, it is of the utmost importance that you are present.

If you must miss a performance due to extreme extenuating circumstances (Death in the family, Extreme illness, etc.) please contact Mr. Tijerina, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made, and an assignment can be given to make up points. This is the only way a student may be excused from a performance.
Discipline:
The Choir room is a classroom where learning is important and necessary for the success or our program here at Dixon Middle School, as well as for the educational welfare of your children. Therefore, out of respect to all students in the program, our classroom will adopt and enforce an appropriate discipline policy in accordance with the Classroom Discipline Policy as outlined in the student handbook. Within our classroom, students will be required to sign a behavior log for misbehavior as well as receive consequences for their actions.

Consequences:
1. Warning
2. Student/Teacher conference
3. Note sent home for parent signature
4. Parent phone call/possible parent/teacher conference if needed
5. Administrative Intervention

Grades:
The grading scale will be followed as outlined in the student handbook. Furthermore, your grade will be divided into the following categories:
- Participation: 34%
- Performances: 33%
- Journal (Assignments/Tests/Quizzes): 33%

Participation:
Students will earn daily participation points. Failure to abide by class rules or failure to participate in class will result in a loss of points for that day.

Assignments:
Students will keep a class journal with bell work, assignments, etc. In order to receive full points for assignments, they must be turned in on the due date. If you know you are going to be absent, you must turn in the assignment ahead of time. Assignments will be accepted late, though know that regardless of your score, you will only receive 1/2 credit for your assignment.

STUDENTS, PLEASE PLACE THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AT THE FRONT OF YOUR JOURNAL. THANK YOU! - Mr. T
Please sign and return this sheet to class by Friday, September 9, 2011. This document will serve as one of your first assignments due.

I, ____________________________, understand and agree to abide by the policies that have been set forth in this disclosure for the Dixon Middle School Choir. I understand that I am committed to come to class with the materials needed, and to be a participating and contributing member to this choir. I have gone over this disclosure with my parents and they are fully supportive of me in this endeavor.

Student Signature: ______________________________________________________________

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _______________________________________________________
Parent/ Guardian Email Address: ___________________________________________________
Parent/ Guardian Phone Number: _________________________________________________