



Welcome to Junior High Choir!!!

My name is Dr. Kristina Young-Goodner and this will be my 15th year as Director of Choral Activities and Master Teacher at Calvary Chapel Christian School of Downey. I direct the Elementary Choir, Junior High Choir, H. S. Choir and the H. S. Honor Choir – Remembrance. A new responsibility that I will assume for this year is the High School Assistant Principal and I am excited to serve our school in this new way.

I attended CCCS from K-12th and graduated in 2000. After attending CCCS, I attended Biola University where I double majored in Music. In 2004, I graduated from Biola with a Bachelor's of Music in Music Education, Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Performance, and my California teaching credential. In December 2006, I graduated from Biola with my Master's in Education. I completed my doctoral studies in June 2011 at Azusa Pacific University where I obtained a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Currently, I am a master teacher both at CCCS and for Biola University, as well as being an adjunct professor for Hope International University.

Theme verse for the 2018/2019 school year:

BE STRONG IN THE LORD

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil!"

Ephesians 6:10-11 NKJV

The Lord has blessed the choral department here at CCCS! Every year the choirs grow and we have amazing worship experiences when we perform. Besides the traditional performances at Thanksgiving Eve and the Christmas Jubilee Concert, the choir also competes at the ACSI Choir Festival and Music in the Parks Festival at Knott's Berry Farm, as well as in our Broadway musical performances in the spring. I look forward to working with each student and being able to worship the Lord together through choral music.

Before the Throne,

<>< Dr. Young-Goodner >>

P.S. Please make every effort to attend **Back to School Night** on Thursday, Aug. 23 and visit your child's classes. I would love the chance to meet you and discuss the fun we have in choir!



CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR SYLLABUS

Contact Info: If you have any questions/concerns, please e-mail me at cccsmusic@mac.com or you can also leave me a message in the J.H./H.S. Office (562) 803-4076. Please visit the choir website at: <http://www.cccsmusic.com> for important updates, music and a calendar of events.

Junior High Choir Description: A group of students that wish to glorify the Lord by using their voices in song. It is a group that sharpens their musical skills in rehearsal and in many different performances throughout the year. Most of all, the Junior High Choir is a group that will set a good example for other students to follow in the areas of worship, behavior and Christian walk.

Junior High Choir Objectives:

- To glorify the Lord with our voices through all types of music
- To learn how to work together as a unit and sing with one voice and spirit
- To grow in our knowledge of music theory, the voice and to have a lot of fun! ☺

Course Requirements:

1. Mandatory attendance at **ALL** rehearsals and performances (Check the website!)
2. Practice your music at home
3. Choir is a year long commitment
4. There are additional expenses involved in being a member of J.H. Choir
(One time lab fee, choir attire, costumes/props, field trips, folder to store music)

Grading:

- Homework 20% = (music theory worksheets)
- Participation 15% = (classroom activities and rehearsals)
- Performances 30% = (largest chunk of the grade – see info below)
- Tests/Quizzes 20% = (music theory and singing)
- Semester Final 15%

Attendance:

1. Tardiness is not acceptable at **any** time!
2. If a student is *not present on time and in uniform*, their performance grade will be reduced one percentage point for each minute late
3. Absence from a performance will only be excused if the parent supplies me with a note indicating that the student was seriously ill or the death of an immediate family member has occurred

Classroom Policies:

- Be on time for rehearsal with music out and sitting in your seat
- No talking, singing, or playing while the instructor or someone else is talking
- Always come equipped to class (pencil, paper, music folder etc.)

Discipline:

- If a student accumulates numerous demerits, the student will be immediately referred to administration.



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Junior High Choir Covenant

We, the undersigned parent and student, understand that membership in the Junior High Choir entails the following responsibilities on our part:

1. Staying informed of upcoming events via choir website, emails, texts and fliers
2. Punctual attendance at **ALL** rehearsals and performances
3. Commitment to year-long membership (no drops)
4. Willingness to meet choir costs (one time lab fee, choir attire, field trips, costumes)
5. Determination to follow all school and class rules diligently
6. Timely completion of all assignments

As stated in Acts 20:24; our goal as Christians is to “Finish the Race” that God has set before us. Signing this covenant is stating that your family is willing to be fully committed to “Finish the Race” set before you in the Junior High Choir.

Parent Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Student Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COVENANT BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 17!

The choir has a long-standing tradition to sing at CC Downey’s Thanksgiving Eve service (Nov. 21).

It is a mandatory performance for all choir members! 😊

PLEASE keep your calendars clear so your student can sing. Thank you!

