

**BL GRAY JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL CHOIR  
STUDENT HANDBOOK  
2023-2024**

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to another great year at BL Gray Junior High School Choir! We are excited to get the year started with a fantastic group of students. Our choir department has so much to offer all who are a part of it. Music is a vital part of everyone's life, and there is much evidence to support that participating in music stimulates the brain and increases a person's intelligence.

Our choir department offers the following benefits (as well as many more!) to its members:

- Performances of a Lifetime
- Lifelong Friendships
- Competitions
- A Place to "Belong"
- Annual Trips

We hope your experience this year will prove to be fun, educational, and stimulating!

## **Dues**

There is no official charge to participate in choir, however, there are a few items that will cost a nominal fee:

1. Choir T-shirts – approximately \$10
2. Spring Trip – (if intending to go) approximately \$100, any more should be covered by fundraising
3. Lost or destroyed music – the cost to replace the music.
4. Lost or destroyed outfit
5. \$15 for choir outfit cleaning (or get it cleaned on your own).

## **Choir Calendar**

Fall Folk Concert (SHS Lecture Hall)	October 19, 2023
Christmas Concert (SHS Auditorium)	December 18, 2023
UIL Concert & Sight Reading (PSJASW HS)	March 5-7, 2024
Region Choir Auditions (Rowe HS)	April 13, 2024
Region Choir Clinic & Concert (McHi Aud.)	April 27, 2024
End of Year Concert (SHS Auditorium)	May 1, 2024

# The Star-Spangled Banner

## The Star-Spangled Banner

1. O say, can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light, What so  
2. O thus be it ev - er, when free men shall stand Be -

proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing, Whose broad  
tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion! Blest with

stripes and bright stars, thro' the per - il - ous fight, O'er the ram - parts we  
vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-res - cued land Praise the Pow'r that hath

watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs  
made and pre - served us a na - tion! Then con - quer we must, when our

burst - ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still  
cause it is just; And this be our mot - to: "In God is our

there. O say, does that star span - gled ban - ner yet wave  
trust!" And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

# Sharyland High School Alma Mater

**Yoder / Andrews**

$\text{♩} = 80$

**Soprano**  
We al - ways will re - mem - ber, and — sing our praise to you, all

**Alto**  
We al -- ways will re mem - ber, and sing our praise to you, all

**Tenor**  
We al -- ways will re mem - ber, and sing our praise to you, all

**Bass**

**5**  
S hail our Al - ma Ma - ter, with — hearts for - ev - er true. Un - furl your ban - ners

A hail our Al - ma Ma - ter, with hearts for - ev - er true. Un - furl your ban - ners

T hail our Al - ma Ma - ter, with hearts for - ev - er true. Un - furl your ban - ners

B

**10**  
S proud - ly for all the world to see the red and white of S. H. S. the

A proud - ly for all the world to see the red and white of S. H. S. the

T proud - ly for all the world to see the red and white of S. H. S. the

B

**15**  
S pride of Sha - ry land.

A pride of Sha - ry land.

T pride of Sha - ry land.

B

## Signed Choir Contract – Due Friday Sept. 1, 2023

Membership in the BL Gray Choir Department offers many valuable and personal learning experiences. Therefore, it requires that each student accept a large amount of responsibility.

I hereby agree to uphold my responsibility as a member of the BL Gray Junior High School Choir Department by following the rules and guidelines of this organization.

- I will arrive at rehearsal on time with my music, a pencil, and a good attitude. Gum chewing will NOT be allowed at any time in the choral music building while I am supposed to be rehearsing.
- I will be responsible for keeping all dates, as given to me by the directors open and clear of other responsibilities, unless I have already discussed **in advance** an absence with my director and filled out and handed Mr. Watkins a “Pink Form.”
- I will attend all scheduled performances, rehearsals and sectionals unless excused in advance by my director. I understand that I will always be given at least one week advanced notice before any required activity, and that most rehearsals and performances will be announced far in advance. Therefore, it is understood that jobs and work are not acceptable excuses.
- I understand that my grade in choir will be determined by the following:
  - Daily participation (attitude, cooperation, attentiveness, alertness, punctuality, and preparedness).
  - Attendance at sectionals, special rehearsals, and performances.
  - Behavior during rehearsals, concerts, special trips and activities.
  - Tests and music assignments.
- I will assume responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility in order to participate in the extra-curricular activities. (Note: The scheduled concerts are “co-curricular” and do not require eligibility.)
- I accept that on the first violation of any of the above guidelines notification to this effect may be sent to my parents, and that any subsequent violation may be grounds for my dismissal.

## Student/Parent Handbook Contract

**I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ (period), have received the BL Gray Junior High School Choir Department *Handbook, Contract, and Calendar*, and I understand the responsibilities therein.**

Please check one of the following before signing the contract concerning our BL Gray Junior High:

\_\_\_\_ Please feel free to use my/my student's photo on the BL Gray Junior High School Choir web page.  
(I understand that no last names will be used to identify any student).

\_\_\_\_ Please use my/my student's photo in large group photos only on the choir web page.

\_\_\_\_ Please do not use any photo of me/my student on the choir web page.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Parent Volunteer Form

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's phone number that can receive texts: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Choir Period: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please place a check (✓) by the events you can help with!***

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Chaperone: (Please check which ones you may be available for)

UIL Concert & Sight Reading (PSJASW HS)	March 5-7, 2024
Region Choir Auditions (Rowe HS)	April 13, 2024
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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Prepare cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. (various times throughout the year – must be cleared with front office before bringing)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **With some advance notice, I am willing to do whatever needs to be done!**



# 2023-2024 BL Gray RATTLER CHOIR

## TRANSPORTATION AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

I give my son/daughter (a choir member) permission to travel on Sharyland ISD school buses and/or charter buses to and from concerts, contests and other choir activities during the 2023-2024 school year. I expect that all drivers will be certified personnel.

Should an emergency arise, I give permission for Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Chavez, or any other school administrator/sponsor to authorize emergency room treatment until I can be contacted by emergency personnel.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.#: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE/S: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIVE TO CONTACT IN EMERGENCY:

\_\_\_\_\_

RELATIVE'S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGULAR PHYSICIAN:

\_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN'S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY ALLERGIES THAT YOUR CHILD HAS AND/OR ANY  
MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date