
VIRGIL I. GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL
CHORAL DEPARTMENT
GRISSOM CHOIR

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO'S CHORALFEST!

Women's & Men's Choir Families,

Grissom Choir's Women's & Men's Choirs will be traveling down to The University of Montevallo for their 3rd Annual ChoralFest!, which is designed to affirm the participation of young singers in the vocal arts. The choirs are comprised of high school and middle school students throughout the State of Alabama. Students work closely with the festival clinician in intense rehearsals focusing on musicianship skills, voice building, and ensemble performance. The choir also rehearses and performs side-by-side with University of Montevallo Choirs. Students will experience concerts and masterclasses, and will perform with seasoned professionals on traditional and exciting new choral repertoire.

Please see this packet which details everything concerning this 1-day trip. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out

UM ChoralFest! Schedule!:

Monday, January 29th	5:30am	Arrive at Grissom HS
	5:45am	Depart Grissom HS for Montevallo, AL
	8:15am	Arrive at UM for Registration
	9:00am	Rehearsal
	12:00pm	Lunch Break
	1:00pm	Rehearsal
	4:30pm	Performance: Final Sing!
	6:00pm	Depart UM for Huntsville, AL - Dinner En-Route
	9:00pm	Arrive at Grissom HS

Transportation:

Grissom Choir will be responsible for ***ALL*** transportation to/from the the festival. Please make sure that your student is dropped off & picked up promptly at Grissom for departure & arrival. This ensures the safety of all students. Please scan or click the QR code to access the HCS Field-Trip Permission Form for Bus Transportation. All Parents/Guardians must complete the form no later than Friday, January 26th, 2024.



Chaperones:

We will be in need of at least 4 chaperones to travel down with us on the bus for this trip. If you would like to chaperone, please email Mr. Ratcliff at tucker.ratcliff@hsv-k12.org

Attire:

Students are to wear Jeans & their 2023-2024 Grissom Choir T-Shirt. If your child does not have this year's T-Shirt, they may wear a different year's shirt or any Grissom shirt.

Communication:

All Information will be communicated via Remind. Please make sure you have joined your classes Remind!

Packing List:

Personal Bag (if desired) ****Bring your valuables at your own risk.****

- Wallet/Purse with Money (2 Meals) & Personal Identification (if applicable)
- Electronic Devices, Chargers, and Headphones
- Snacks (no personal coolers) & refillable Water Bottle

Festival Fee & Monies:

Cost for this festival is \$35 per student, which is ***INCLUDED IN YOUR BASIC SUPPORT FEE.*** This \$35 includes the registration fee, music, & t-shirt for the festival. Please ensure you have paid your Basic Support Fee, are fundraising, or are paying your payment plan through **My Music Office!** Students will need money for **2** meals in total (\$30-40). I encourage you not to carry money loose in your pocket or purse. Have some type of wallet, credit card holder, & keep your money out of sight.

Grissom Choir Procedures:

- Respect Chaperones, Directors, and all others involved in this trip. Do not back talk or argue with any individual when asked or told what to do. Chaperones are acting under the guidance of the director. We are all working together to ensure safety.
- Known your check-in times and locations. You must be on time!
- Do not approach strangers or allow them into our group. Safety is paramount. Do nothing that could endanger yourself or others
- Be courteous and use appropriate manners at all times. Clean up after yourself (bus, festival, or any other location). Headphones are required for all electronic devices. Please talk in your "normal" voice. Refrain from the use of strong smelling perfumes, lotions, or deodorants
- This is a Grissom Choir Trip, not a romantic adventure. There will be no public or private displays of affection on this trip.

Festival Procedures:

- While at the festival, students and chaperones must remain together.
- If you get separated, call an individual from your group or your chaperone.
- If a medical issue arises with a student or chaperone, individuals are to immediately get in touch with their group chaperone, head chaperone, director, and/or HCS Medical Assistant.
- Keep your personal belongings close at all times and to protect your money.