

**VERSAILLES COMMITMENT FORM**  
**VERSAILLES 2019-2020**

**To:** Students and Parents  
**From:** Heath A. Walter, Conductor  
**Subject:** Information about the Versailles, membership requirements, schedule/calendar of rehearsals/performances, financial/fundraising responsibilities, and questions regarding your commitment to the Versailles.  
**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2019

The Castle View High School Versailles has established its tradition of fine choral music singing in the state of Colorado. They have achieved their success by finding the fun in being serious about choral music. The dedication of the members, their families, its director, administration, faculty, and community are all an integral part of the continued success of Versailles. Please read carefully the contents of this packet, paying particular attention to the demanding schedule of rehearsals and performances as well as financial and fundraising responsibilities of the Versailles.

Versailles will perform literature from all periods found in choral music history including sacred and secular literature. All genres of choral music are taught as great choral art. We perform a wide variety of literature and are exposed to as many different cultures as is possible in one academic year.

Being a member of Versailles requires a BIG time commitment. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Excused absences are defined in the CVHS handbook and are Board Policy. No exceptions to this policy will be made. If you are involved in other CVHS related activities that prevent you from making a complete and thorough time commitment to the Versailles, you need not participate in the call back audition. I must know your plans now so there are no surprises. You know if you can make the time commitment or not. Demonstrating poor attendance will jeopardize your membership and grade. *See your CVHS handbook if you have any questions.* An absence from a rehearsal or performance due to an activity **not** sponsored by CVHS, i.e. a dance recital, musical, play, college visits, vacations, or any other activity not sponsored by CVHS, is unexcused. Make-up work due to an excused absence will include spot-checking literature for the instructor. No make-up work is possible for unexcused absences from rehearsals and performances. Listening is highly stressed. All Versailles members are held accountable for doing so and are highly rewarded. Failure to do so will result in a lowered grade. You will find that participating 100% in the Versailles will produce unbelievable results and will insure the Versailles continued success. You will have an unparalleled experience.

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**Sample calendar:**

**May:** Versailles 2019-2020 informational meeting. **Concert attire is ordered.**

Performance Calendar and Extra Rehearsal Calendar begins to fill in. Fundraising will be discussed. First Versailles/Parent Meeting. **Bring \$60.00 check made payable to CVHS for concert attire, unless you already have a dress or obtained a dress from a former member. Dresses will be ordered.**

**June:** Fundraiser.

**July:** Fundraiser.

**August:** Process of obtaining concert attire finalized. Fundraiser, Saturday Workshop, Weekly sectionals during advisement begin, Musical rehearsals, All State Choir Audition Rehearsals.

**September:** Performance Spaghetti Dinner, Fundraiser, sectional rehearsals during advisement, Musical rehearsals, All State Choir Audition Rehearsals.

**October: Fall Concert,** sectional rehearsals during advisement, Versailles picture (TBA), All State Choir Auditions, Musical rehearsals, CVHS Women's Choral Festival, Fundraising.

**November:** Sectional rehearsal during advisement, fundraising, CVHS Area Choral Festival, Musical rehearsals, Musical.

**December: Holiday Concert. Performances in the Castle Rock area,** fundraising sectional rehearsals during advisement, semester exams.

**January:** Preparation for All State Choir, Continental League Honor Choir, Fundraising.

**February:** All State Choir, sectional rehearsals during advisement.

**March: Winter Concert,** sectional rehearsals during advisement, **solo technical & callback auditions.**

**April:** CHSAA Large Group Contest, sectional rehearsals during advisement, Call back auditions, CV area tour.

**May: Spring Concert,** extra rehearsals before Spring Concert (dates and times TBA), Versailles 2020-2021 information meeting. Fundraising.

***This is a very busy calendar, but an extremely rewarding one.***

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**Reminder of Financial responsibilities**

Fund Raise:	\$110
Workshop:	\$10
Dress:	\$65
Polo:	\$25-\$30
Versailles Spirit Dues:	\$20/year
Sight-Singing Factory	\$2

You will have the opportunity to fundraise for the entire amount of your financial commitment. You will be responsible for the entire amount no matter if you remove yourself from the choir at semester. If you are willing to put in the time and effort it takes to raise this much money you will not need to use your personal funds. It is quite possible and has been achieved by past. Also, remember that you can put all payments on your Visa and MasterCard accounts through CVHS, however, there are new fees for using this method of payment. If you over fundraise, this money stays in the Versailles account.

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Please answer the following questions as accurately and honestly as possible. Use the space provided or attach a separate page, if you desire. Return the questionnaire, signed and dated, to your section's callback. Students who fail to return this portion of the commitment form on time will not be considered for membership in the 2019-2020 Versailles.

1. What are your personal strengths and talents you can offer the Versailles? Describe your ability to focus in rehearsals and performances. Are you punctual? Please address your listening skills.

2. The Versailles schedule of rehearsals and performances throughout the year is very demanding. How will you achieve 100% attendance at all rehearsals and performances? i.e. How will you plan (adjust, if you will) your schedule to insure you are at all required rehearsals and performances?

3. Why do you want to be in Versailles?

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I have read the materials provided, understand the demands and rewards of being in Versailles, and agree to make a full commitment to Versailles if accepted.

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Print Student Name

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Print Parent Name

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

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