

# Choir Auditions 2020-2021

Choir auditions for the 2020 - 2021 school year will be 2/6-7 and 2/10-11 during the choir class periods! Auditions are held early in the spring semester before arena scheduling. It is our hope this helps with your planning for the next school year. (If you are **not** currently enrolled in a choir class, please request an audition time here: <a href="https://goo.gl/4X617e">https://goo.gl/4X617e</a>.)

We have 4 **auditioned** ensembles at Carroll Senior High School.

- 1. Cantoras (Intermediate Women)
- 2. Bella Voce (Advanced Women)
- 3. Encore (Show Choir/Vocal A Cappella Ensemble)\*
  - a. Auditions for Encore will be May 11th and 12th (Both days are required)
- 4. Chorale (Advanced Mixed Choir)

If you are happy with singing in Dragon Corps or Bel Canto and would like to remain in one of those choirs next year, you do not have to audition. However, ALL are encouraged to audition!

We have 2 non-auditioned ensembles at Carroll Senior High School.

- 1. Bel Canto (First year in High School Choir Women)
- 2. Dragon Corps (First year in High School Choir Men)

#### **Audition Material**

- 1. Students will sing "My Country 'tis of Thee". (Link to PDF) (Link to Music)
  - a. Sopranos Key of A-flat
  - b. Altos Key of E-flat
  - c. Tenors Key of A-flat
  - d. Basses Key of D
  - e. You must sing the first verse from memory.
- 2. Vocalization
  - a. We will vocalize you up on "ah"
  - b. We will vocalize you down on "ah"
- 3. Submit an 8 measure sight-reading exercise on Sight-Reading Factory.
  - a. The sight-reading assessment will be sent out Wednesday, February 5.
  - b. Sight-reading assessment is due Monday, February 10.

Placement will be based on the results of the audition tabulation. Students are not allowed to change courses without Director approval. Audition results will be posted Friday, February 14th!



### **Carroll Senior High School Choirs**

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Grade Le	vel:	9-12	
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Credits: 1
Semesters: 2

Bel Canto is an ensemble designed for young women that are new to high school choir and do not have training on the Curwen method of sight-reading. This ensemble will also learn about the physiology of the voice while developing proper vocal technique. Sight-reading and proper vocal production are emphasized to improve the level of musicianship. Choral literature from a variety of genres and styles is studied and performed. Students in each choir are required to perform at all scheduled concerts and extra rehearsals. Students may participate in individual competitions such as the Texas All-State process which begins in August and UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in February.

#### **Dragon Corps** MEN'S CHOIR Grade Level: 9-12

Grade Level: 9-12 Credits: 1 Semesters: 2 Dragon Corps is an ensemble designed for young men. This ensemble will also learn about the physiology of the voice while developing proper vocal technique. Curwen sight-reading technique and proper vocal production are emphasized to improve the level of musicianship. Choral literature from a variety of genres and styles is studied and performed. Students in each choir are required to perform at all scheduled concerts and extra rehearsals. Students may participate in individual competitions such as the Texas All-State process which begins in August and UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in February.

## CANTORAS (AUDITIONED)

Grade Level: 9-12
Credits: 1
Semesters: 2
Prerequisite:
Demonstrate
advanced level of
vocal development,
sight-reading and work

CANTORAS membership is by audition only. The members of this ensemble shall consist of female voices that are proficient in the Curwen method of sight-reading and have displayed a foundation of strong vocal development. This ensemble will continue to learn about the physiology of the voice and proper vocal technique. Sight-reading and proper vocal production are emphasized to improve the level of musicianship. Choral literature from a variety of genres and styles is studied and performed. Students in choir are required to perform at all scheduled concerts and extra rehearsals. Students may participate in individual competitions such as the Texas All-State process which begins in August and UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in February.

## BELLA VOCE (AUDITIONED)

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Grade Level: 10-12
Credits: 1
Semesters: 2
Prerequisites:
Demonstrate
advanced level of
vocal development,
sight reading and work
ethic. Previous
Enrollment in
approved, year-long
high school level
choral ensemble.

Bella Voce-membership is by audition only and a student must have been enrolled in an approved, full year, high school level choral ensemble previous to audition. The members of this ensemble shall consist of female voices that are proficient in the Curwen method of sight-reading and have displayed a foundation of strong vocal development. This ensemble will learn advanced topics in the physiology of the voice and vocal technique. Advanced choral literature from a variety of genres and styles is studied and performed. Students are required to perform at all scheduled concerts and extra rehearsals. Students are expected to participate in individual competitions such as the Texas All State process and UIL solo and ensemble competition.

#### ENCORE (MIXED AUDITIONED)

Grade Level: 9-12 Credits: 1 Semesters: 2 Prerequisite: Audition Encore membership is by audition only. Auditions will be held in May prior to the start of the following school year. Students are required to be concurrently registered in a concert choir for any period in which they are a member of a show choir. This ensemble will learn and perform a variety of literature for a number of different venues. Due to the difficulty of the literature, students must demonstrate proficient sight-reading abilities. Students will be required to dance and must be able to sing at the same time. Each member must be present at each performance and any additional rehearsal. Members agree to pay for their uniform.



and concurrent enrollment in Concert Choir. Dancing and sight-reading skills emphasized.

### CHORALE

(AUDITIONED) Grade Level: 9-12 Credits: 1 Semesters: 2

Prerequisite:
Demonstrate
advanced level of
vocal development,
sight-reading and work
ethic. Previous
enrollment in
approved, year-long
high school level
choral ensemble.

Chorale membership is by audition only and a student must have been enrolled in an approved, full year, high school level choral ensemble previous to audition. The members of this ensemble shall consist of students demonstrating the highest level of vocal development, Curwen sight-reading methods, musicianship and work ethic. Choral literature from a variety of genres and styles is studied and performed. Students in choir are required to perform at all scheduled concerts and extra rehearsals. Students in this ensemble are strongly encouraged to take voice lessons privately. Students are expected participate in individual competitions such as the Texas All-State process which begins in August and UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in February.