

Welcome to Knight Rhythm!

This introductory letter is meant to outline guidelines and expectations for the upcoming year. In this letter, I will outline the following:

- Rehearsal Schedule
- Performance schedule
- Guidelines/rehearsal expectations
- Attendance policy
- Summer rehearsal/get together

If you have any questions or concerns, Slack is the best way to reach me. ALL students will be signed up for Slack by the end of the meeting today-- please have them show you how to join so that you can be a part of our announcements!

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

Miss Pellington

## REHEARSAL CALENDAR:

**\*\*Knight Rhythm will rehearse on ALL Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the middle school beginning on August 26th ASIDE from the following Mondays listed below. Please drop your students off in the BACK of the building. Conflicts must be shared with Miss Pellington ASAP so that we can plan ahead.\*\***

### NO REHEARSALS ON:

September 2 (Labor Day)

September 30 (No School)

December 2 (No School)

December 23 (Winter Break)

December 30 (Winter Break)

January 20 (MLK Day)

February 17 (Presidents' Day)

April 6 (Spring Break)

April 13 (Spring Break)

May 25 (Memorial Day)

**\*\*If school is ever closed, there will be NO rehearsal. This calendar is subject to change. Miss Pellington will communicate via email and Slack if a rehearsal needs to be adjusted or canceled.\*\***

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

**\*\*These performances are MANDATORY. Any absence from a performance (aside from an emergency or illness) will result in removal from the group. Please put these dates on your calendar now to aid with future planning.\*\***

Wednesday, October 23rd, Fall Choral Concert, Nordonia HS

Call Time: 6:00 PM

Performance Time: 7:00 PM

Attire: KR Shirt, jeans, black shoes

Cavs Game: TBD in October

**\*\*Date finalized by end of August\*\***

Attire: KR shirt, jeans, black shoes

Friday, February 14th, AcaFest, Nordonia HS

Call Time: 3:15 PM

Performance Time: 6:00 PM

Attire: fancy black, white, and green

Saturday, February 29th, Spring Choral Concert, Location TBD

Call Time: 4:30 PM

Performance Time: 6:00 PM

Attire: KR shirt, jeans, black shoes

Sunday, May 3rd, CD Release Concert, Nordonia HS

Call Time: 12:00 PM

Performance Time: 2:00 PM

Attire: fancy black, white, and green

**\*\*There will be in-school performances in November, December, and February. Attire for these performances will be KR shirt, jeans, and black shoes.\*\***

## GUIDELINES/REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

**\*\*To be successful in rehearsal, it is expected for all members to do the following:\*\***

- Join Slack/email list. Slack will contain all of our practice tracks as well as updates. Email will contain important updates.
- Adhere to the memorization dates listed below. It is essential to our success! Once a piece of music is uploaded on Slack, it is expected that you will know your part by the next rehearsal. Rehearsal time is for putting parts together and working on technique and dynamics-- it is not a time to learn notes. Please let me know if you need help with practicing!
- HAVE A PENCIL AND YOUR MUSIC IN A FOLDER. This year, all KR students will have a folder slot at the middle school. Please have a music, folder, and pencil at all times.
- Sectionals are for WORK only. As needed, section leaders will be assigned to help keep everyone on track.
- ONE student will be selected to give pitches at the beginning of songs for performance. If you would like to be selected, please show great leadership at all times!
- Choreography will be completed by students this year. If you are interested in being a part of the choreography team, please let me know!
- At times, I may listen to small groups singing their parts. Please make sure that you are always prepared!
- Rehearsal will start promptly at 6:00. Please do not be late.
- Communication is essential! Make sure that you always let Miss Pellington know if you cannot attend a rehearsal.

## MEMORIZATION DATES:

Fall Music: September 23rd

Winter Music: December 9th

AcaFest Music: January 27th

Final Music: April 20th

## ATTENDANCE POLICY:

**\*\*Students are allowed THREE excused absences per semester. This includes any school related event, sporting event, family event, illness, etc. Once three excused absences have occurred, students will meet with Miss Pellington to discuss future involvement in the group. ONE unexcused absence is allowed per semester. After an unexcused absence, students will meet with Miss Pellington to discuss future involvement in the group\*\***

**\*\*Students may NOT miss any performance aside from illness or emergency. These are all mandatory, so please put them on your calendar now!\*\***

**\*\*Three tardies to rehearsal and/or performance will result in an unexcused absence. Make sure that you are on time!\*\***

**\*\*Not having rehearsal materials will result in an unexcused absence. Make sure you are prepared!\*\***

**\*\*You will receive a “tardy” for each week that you are not signed up for Slack or the email list. Make sure you and your parents are signed up!\*\***

## SUMMER REHEARSAL:

- We will have a summer rehearsal on Saturday, August 3rd from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at Nordonia High School! This is immediately following the drama camp performance at 2:00 PM. Please have all of your summer music learned and ready to go!
- Following rehearsal, any student that wishes to attend our group bonding trip to SkyZone may do so! We will board the bus at 5:00 PM and arrive at SkyZone around 5:30 PM. Students will jump from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and will be provided a pizza and soda dinner from 7:00 to 7:45 PM. We will return to the high school around 8:15 PM.
- Please RSVP via the slack channel “SkyZone” to Miss Pellington no later than Monday, July 1st. This will be for ALL a cappella students in grades 7-12 and will be a great way for our program to get to know each other. :) The Nordonia Choral Boosters have graciously sponsored this trip. It is FREE for any student in Knight Rhythm, Momentum, and Synergy.