



Welcome to La Paz Choir!!!

2026-2027

Director Information:

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Course Description:

The La Paz Intermediate School Choir is a choral ensemble that focuses on the development of comprehensive choral musicianship through the performance experience. Members will be exposed to a breadth of music literature with an emphasis on high quality performance and thorough understanding.

This ensemble performs throughout the year. All students are expected to attend all concerts and performances. All concerts take place in the Performing Arts Theater at Mission Viejo High School. *The CallTime for each concert is 5:30PM.* The concert dates are provided below.

Course Goal:

The goal of the director is to assist in the development of comprehensive musicians (quality performers as well as knowledgeable and skilled musicians). High standards result in high achievement. As the director, I set the highest standards for myself and my ensemble members. Musical growth requires significant effort from everyone involved. Each of the objectives listed below will be addressed throughout the year during our weekly rehearsals.

Course Objectives: By the completion of the year, all students will be expected to accomplish the following:

Vocal Skills – Students will:

1. Demonstrate appropriate music reading and aural skills in regular rehearsals and performances.
2. Demonstrate appropriate vocal technique (including proper breath control and good tone quality) in regular rehearsals and performances.
3. Demonstrate appropriate choral singing technique (including balance, blend, and intonation) in regular rehearsals and performances.
4. Demonstrate musical performance of all the focus literature (including note accuracy, memorization, and musicality) in regular rehearsals and performances.

Musical Knowledge – Students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of all musical terminology reflected in the focus literature.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic form and structure of the focus literature as presented in rehearsals.

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3. Demonstrate the ability to critically listen and evaluate the musical performance of the ensemble.

Materials & Supplies:

Students will be issued music for the La Paz Club Choir. It is the student's responsibility to come to class with music and a pencil as well as a personal bottle of water each rehearsal. I recommend that you dedicate a folder for your music and worksheets—the style and color will not matter as we plan to perform our music from *memory*! You will also have access to our Google Classroom, which will contain rehearsal tracks that you will use to practice your music at home.

Google Classroom Code: sspyb42

Remind 101 code: @lapazsing (explained further in Google Classroom)

Concert Attire:

The choir will perform in what is commonly known as “Concert Black.” It is understood that a unity of appearance must be attained when appearing with high quality performing ensembles. These policies ensure a sense of professionalism when appearing in public and representing La Paz Intermediate School. It shall be the responsibility of each member to appear in proper performance attire for each occasion. Members may not appear with the choir until these uniform standards are met:

- Performance attire is complete, clean, neatly pressed and in good repair
- Each choir member will be neatly groomed
- Long hair will be pulled up to maintain a professional, formal look
- Any visible jewelry, body piercings or tattoos are not appropriate performance attire

Men: Black collared shirt; Black slacks/dress pants (NO sweatpants) ; Black dress shoes (NO sneakers/Vans/Adidas/etc.), Black socks

Women: All black dress, or skirt/slacks and black top; Black closed-toe, flat dress shoes (NO sneakers/Vans/Adidas/etc.)

Program Donations & Fundraising:

We ask for a small contribution of **\$75** from each participant of the choir. The program receive virtually no funding from the district, but we still need to pay for sheet music, busing to various events, as well as registration fees for festivals and performance opportunities throughout the year. While we do have various fundraisers to help with these costs, programs like these simply cannot exist without the help of students and parents like you!!

If you are willing and able to contribute funds towards the La Paz Choir, please make checks payable to **LA PAZ ASB** with your student's NAME - CHOIR written in the memo line. (This is to ensure the funds are correctly deposited into the La Paz Choir Account.) Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance with making our program a success!

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Class & Performance Schedule

Class Location: **Band Room**
(subject to change based on room availability)

August: 20 – 3:30-5:30 25 – 3:30-5:30 + Parent Meeting after class 27 – <i>No Class, due to La Paz BTSN</i> September: 1 – 3:30-5:30 3 – <i>No Class, due to MVHS BTSN</i> 8 – 3:30-5:30 10 – 3:30-5:30 11 - Mission for Heroes Game - MVHS & La Paz choirs sing @ Halftime - Pizza Party before the game! 15 – 3:30-5:30 17 – 3:30-5:30 22 – 3:30-5:30 24 – 3:30-5:30 29 – 3:30-5:30 October: 1 – 3:30-5:30 6 – 3:30-5:30 13 – 3:30-5:30 15 – FALL SPOTLIGHT CONCERT, 5:30 Call Time @ Mission Viejo HS PAT 20 – 3:30-5:30 22 – 3:30-5:30 27 – 3:30-5:30 29 – 3:30-5:30	November: 3 – 3:30-5:30 5 – <i>No Class due to Finals</i> 11 – 3:30-5:30 13 – 3:30-5:30 17 - 3:30-5:30 19 - 3:30-5:30 24 & 26 – <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> December: 1 – 3:30-5:30 3 – 3:30-5:30 8 – 3:30-5:30 10 – 3:30-5:30 11 – HOLIDAY CONCERT @ MVHS PAT, Call Time 5:30pm 15 – <i>3:30-5:30 Holiday Party @ La Paz MPR</i> 17 – NO CLASS for CHOIR
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January: 5 – 3:30-5:30 7 – 3:30-5:30 12 – 3:30-5:30 14 – 3:30-5:30 19 – 3:30-5:30 21 – 3:30-5:30 26 – 3:30-5:30 28 – 3:30-5:30 February: 2 – 3:30-5:30 4 – 3:30-5:30 8 – Area Concert @ MVHS Gym 9 – 3:30-5:30 11 – No Class due to Finals <i>Feb Recess 2/17-2/21</i> 23 – 3:30-5:30 25 – 3:30-5:30 March: <i>Possible added festival TBD</i> 2 – 3:30-5:30 4 – 3:30-5:30 9 – 3:30-5:30 11 – SVUSD Choir Festival, 9:00am - 2:00pm (lunch provided) <i>No 3:30 Class</i> 12 – Festival Concert @ MVHS 16 – 3:30-5:30 18 – 3:30-5:30 23 – 3:30-5:30 25 – 3:30-5:30 30 – 3:30-5:30	April: <i>Spring Break, April 6-10</i> 13 – 3:30-5:30 15 – 3:30-5:30 17 – Music in the Parks – LPC & La Paz Instrumental groups; all day 20 – 3:30-5:30 22 – 3:30-5:30 27 – 3:30-5:30 29 – 3:30-5:30 May: <i>Choir Auditions for MVHS Choirs 2025-2026 – Dates TBA</i> 4 – 3:30-5:30 6 – 3:30-5:30 11 – 3:30-5:30 13 – 3:30-5:30 14 – Spring Concert: MVHS 18 – 3:30-5:30 20 – 3:30-5:30 25 – 3:30-5:30 27 – No Class due to MVHS Pops June: 1 – 3:30-5:30 3 – 3:30-5:30 8 – 3:30-5:30 – LAST DAY for CHOIR!! - Party & Awards!!
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For up-to-date schedule changes, check our website!
www.missionviejochoir.com/la-paz

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Contact Information & Choir Commitment

Please provide contact information and volunteer choices by completing this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/pVPyUhsF1Cy5VSfP6> (linked here & w/ QR code)



Choir T-Shirt

Every choir student will be required to wear his or her choir t-shirt when specified by the choral director. You may use last year's t-shirt if you have one. If not, you will need to purchase a new choir t-shirt. Our **T-shirts are \$25**, and can be purchased with cash or check payable to La Paz ASB - Choir

Parent Volunteers

Our choir calendar includes student concerts, special events and fundraising activities. The help of every family is needed in order to provide the best year possible for your son/daughter. Each parent is asked to volunteer a minimum of once during the school year.

Parent Approval

I have personally read and understood everything presented in this handout. I understand that my son/daughter is participating in choir at La Paz and that my support is needed.

Student Name & Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please detach and return this signed form to Mrs. Norris at next our class.