

## INDIANA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CHOIR SYLLABUS 2008-2009

Dear Choir Member,

Welcome to another choir year. I trust you are excited about singing, and I know great things can be accomplished this year with the Lord's help. As always, I have tried to pick challenging music that will build you as musicians and will also be very enjoyable to sing and listen to.

There are some important policies for the year that I would like for you to observe in order for this to be a successful year for the choral program at ICA. Please refer to this often throughout the year as questions arise. I have posted this on the school's web page for your convenience should you or your parents need to consult it throughout the year. That web address is [www.indianchristianacademy.org](http://www.indianchristianacademy.org). If you have a question concerning something that is not here, please feel free to call me at school (643-7884 ext. 215) or home (641-7966) or you may e-mail me at [jerry.ascher@gracetoanderson.com](mailto:jerry.ascher@gracetoanderson.com).

Your parents will want to look through this as well. Please read this syllabus with your them and sign the portion that indicates both you and they have done so. Detach that section and return it to me by September 3 (one per family).

Sincerely,

Mr. Ascher

### Choir Calendar

Sept. 3*	Syllabus must be signed/pencils in folders	
Oct. 5-8*	GBC Evangelistic Meetings – Mark Kittrell (Monday evening, Oct. 6 – ICA Night)	GBC Auditorium
Oct. 31	Grandparents Day concert (GBC Auditorium)	
Nov. 1-7	Fine Arts Festival	Bob Jones University
Dec. 9*	ICA Christmas program.....	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	GBC Christmas Cantata (GBC Auditorium) ..... “Rejoice, the Savior is Born”	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	ICA Elementary program.....	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 19*	Christmas Caroling (last day before Christmas break) .....	TBA
Jan. 15, 16	Junior and Senior High Academic Mt. Try-outs	
Mar. 19, 20*	Sr. High Academic Meet (ICA)	
April 14-16	AACS - Bob Jones University	
April 21*	ICA Spring Concert .....	7:00 p.m.
April 23, 24*	Junior High Academic Meet (Colonial)	
May 15*	ICA Commencement .....	7:00 p.m.

\*These events are required for all choir members.

## Attendance

Attendance to all scheduled events is crucial. The group's morale suffers when you are either late to or absent from rehearsals or performances. Your participation in the group mandates your attendance to the required events. Any exceptions to this will be made on an individual basis.

## Awards

The National School Choral Award - This award is presented annually to the top male and female singers in the high school choir. It is based upon musicianship, effort, leadership, testimony and dependability.

Letter - Any student can letter in band as many as four times, once each of his or her high school years, by the accumulation of 200 points, as well as by displaying the qualities of musicianship, dependability, loyalty and cooperation, and maintaining a good testimony.

## Dress

For every performance, the dress code will be as follows:

Ladies:

Black hose and black dress shoes

Men:

Black dress pants and belt

Black dress shoes and socks

White dress shirt

White t-shirt

The students will be asked to purchase a necktie (guys) or a outfit (girls) that is chosen for the entire group. **Please have these outfits clean and pressed, and the shoes polished for every concert.** The cost for these outfits will be applied to your school bill unless you contact the school office to make different arrangements.

## Passes

If a student wishes to practice during a study hall, they must obtain a pass before the day they wish to practice. Please follow the school's study hall regulations when obtaining any pass.

## Private Lessons

Private lessons are encouraged for anyone interested in improving their singing ability. The lessons will be 30 minutes in length and will be \$9 apiece. There are only a few time slots available, so if you are interested see Mr. Ascher as soon as possible to work out arrangements.

## Grading

Your grade in choir is based on the following criteria: points and effort. The points earned convert to the school grading scale. Please keep this for reference throughout the year. There are positive *and* penalty points. Certain penalty points will carry a demerit penalty as stated in the ICA handbook. Points are collected the first day of choir each week for activities from the preceding week ONLY, and are tallied each 9 weeks. A conversion chart has been attached for your information.

## Points

### A. Positive points

1. Participation points	20 (7-9 graders begin with 22)
2. Practice - for each ½ hour per week	1
(Time spent in rehearsal DOES NOT COUNT for practice time.)	
3. Vocal solo in public	4
4. Ensemble in public	3
5. IACS solo/ensemble	6/4
6. Fine Arts Festival/AACS solo/ensemble	10/5
7. Help to director	2 per occasion
8. Lead singing in public	2 per occasion
9. Sing in church or teen choir	2 per occasion
10. Voice lesson	2
11. Attending concert	3
***A program of the concert must accompany points***	
12. Listening to a vocal recording	1
***Must turn in a listening card with the following information:	
- Title of recording	
- Performer(s)	
- Length of recording (must be at least ½ hr. for credit)	
13. Accompanying (piano only)	
*Congregational singing	1
*Solo/ensemble	3

### B. Penalty points

1. Absence from required performance	-20
2. Unexcused absence from class*	-3
3. Unexcused tardy to class*	-1
4. Music left lying around	-1, -2, -3 etc.
5. Abuse of music*	-5
(Note: #5 may also require the replacement of any damaged music as determined by the director.)	
6. No music for rehearsal	-2

\*Penalty points will also carry a demerit penalty as stated in the ICA handbook.

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Please clip and return to Mr. Ascher by September 3

I have read and understood the rules and regulations set forth in the syllabus. I also understand the corrective action that may occur as a result of not following the rules and regulations contained herein.

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(Student's Signature)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

**Grading Scale:**

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40+	100
38-39	99
36-37	98
34-35	97
32-33	96
30-31	95
29	94

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27-28	93
25-26	92
23-24	91
22	90
21	89
20	88
19	87
18	86

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17	85
16	84
15	83
14	82
13	81
12	80
11	78
10	76

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9	73
8	70

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7	67
6	64
5	61
4	58
3	55
2	50
1	25
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