

RHYTHMIX 2011-2012

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for or continuing with Rhythmix. Before the new school year begins, I would like you to be aware of a few things having to do with this ensemble.

There is an audition process for this group. All interested singers should sign up before the end of the school year. There will be openings in each section (Soprano 1 & 2, Alto 1 & 2, and BARITONE/BASS.) We will also do a "sub list" of singers in case there are singers currently with the group, or newly added, that cannot fulfill the requirements of the group. (See #2)

1. **YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ MUSIC AT A FLUENT LEVEL! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WILL BE PART OF YOUR AUDITION.**
2. Once you successfully audition for Rhythmix you are in the group until you graduate from EB. The only time this will change is if
 - a. You become ineligible for participation based on grades
 - b. You are not regularly attending rehearsals. After two unexcused missed rehearsals in a year you are dismissed from the group. (All absences are UNEXCUSED unless told to Mrs. Fernandes DIRECTLY and are accompanied by a NOTE from a parent/teacher/coach. All absences must be discussed with Mrs. Fernandes to be "excused".)
 - c. You are not participating at the level the group is capable of. (see #4)
3. There **WILL BE** fee to participate this year. This is a **music department fee** of \$200. If you have free or reduced lunch, or a bus fee waiver, this fee may also be waived. See me for more information. Upon acceptance into the group, this fee is due. You will not perform in DECEMBER unless this fee is paid. (Checks made out to "EAST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS").
4. You will need to purchase a dress if you are a woman. This dress costs approximately \$60.00 and will be ordered as soon as you are accepted. We have a small number of "donated" dresses from former members that can be used on a year-to-year basis as well. Men's attire will be discussed after successful audition.
5. This group is auditioned only so it is expected that you are learning and practicing your music regularly. If you are not "holding up your end" you can be dismissed from the group and someone else will be added.
6. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Rehearsals are every TUESDAY from 3:30-5:00. **YOU NEED TO BE EARLY** to all rehearsals! We will also be adding a sectional day once a week for 30 minutes per section that will also be mandatory. If you play sports or work and this will conflict with the group, you **MUST** submit your schedule to me before auditioning / continuing with the ensemble. This will be factored into your place in the group next year.. We need everyone at all rehearsals for the FULL TIME! We have the following performances every year:
 - a. Christmas on the Common Caroling / performance (TBA)
 - b. Winter Concert
 - c. Tri-County Festival (All Rhythmix are asked to participate.)
 - d. Concert at the middle school (dress rehearsal)
 - e. Evening of Jazz (GWMMS)
 - f. **MAJE Jazz Choir Festival**
 - g. Spring Concert
 - h. Pops Concert
 - i. TBA other concerts / contests to be discussed.