Congratulations and welcome to the 2018-2019 season.

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Heather Larsen: Show Choir Tech  
Jeremy Alfera: Illusion Arranger  
John Burlace: Fantasy Arranger

Sing!
Rehearsal Schedule

Show Bands: Alternating Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00pm.
A schedule of exact dates will be given in the fall. During competition season, show bands will meet both days. Rehearsal schedules are subject to change depending on pertinent circumstances.

Illusion:
September to December
MONDAYS from 5:00-8:00pm.
January to March
MONDAYS from 6:30-8:30pm
WEDNESDAYS from 2:30-4:00pm.

Fantasy:
September to December
WEDNESDAYS from 5:00-8:00pm.
January to March
MONDAYS from 2:30-4:30pm
WEDNESDAYS from 5:00-8:00pm.

T-Tones:
September to January
MONDAYS from 2:30-5:00pm.
January to March
MONDAYS from 4:30-6:15pm
with occasional WEDNESDAYS from 2:30-4:00pm.
Student Expectations and Acknowledgements

Rehearsal: Students are expected to arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal time to set the stage and to warm-up. At the end of rehearsal, students will be required to clean up or tear down depending on what is taking place during school the following day. Students will stay 15 minutes after scheduled rehearsal time to do this. Students will be placed on set-up and tear down teams to ensure that clean-up is a TEAM effort.

Please make sure that you make your personal plans around these rehearsal times. Please make medical appointments on days that you do not have show choir practice. Your commitment to participating in show choir includes COMMITMENT to all dates and times.

Should you miss a choreography day due to illness or emergency, a swing will be staged into your spot. You will have one week to make up the choreography. Should you fail to make up the choreography, you will lose your spot in that song and the swing will remain in that spot. Choreography weekends are vital to the success of this ensemble. Not attending will seriously affect your participation in the ensemble. Dates are given in June so that your schedule can be planned around these dates.

Parent Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Student Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Practice Wear: All students will wear dark bottom athletic or yoga pants with their assigned colored t-shirt (Fantasy: Girls - black, Boys - White. Illusion: TBD) Most of our choreography is constructed in pairs so having two colors helps the choreographers to create. Sports bras, briefs, and extremely short shorts are not permitted. Changing in the auditorium is not permitted. Please use the restrooms to change for practice. A refillable water bottle should be brought to every rehearsal and competition, and it should have a screw cap to prevent spillage in show choir bags.

Parent Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Student Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Sickness: Sickness and injuries happen. However, sitting out at practice is not permitted. If you become ill during practice, go home and get better. If you are too sick to be in school, do not come to practice. The school handbook says that students must be present in school to attend after school practices. If you are sick, it is YOUR responsibility to learn what you missed. Videos will be posted on Facebook, your position captain will post positions and your dance captains will help you, but you must initiate the help from them. Students who miss the practice before a competition will not perform at that competition.

Parent Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Student Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________
Student Expectations and Acknowledgements

Sports: Students can easily participate in fall and spring sports. **WINTER SPORTS** do not work with our competition schedule. Fall and spring sports are usually okay, with prior notice given to the choir staff.

Driver’s Ed: YOU CANNOT TAKE DRIVER’S ED IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, or MARCH. Other Driver’s Ed sessions will work with our schedule.

Show Choir Summer Camp: This year we will be having a combined summer camp for all three show choirs at 6 Reynolds Rd. in Charlton. It is at the bottom of Dresser Hill going towards Southbridge. There will be singing, dancing, swimming, eating, volleyball and more. We must have a hold harmless form, a health form with a picture and a permission slip for you to attend. All show choir students are expected to attend.

Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5 from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

Parent meeting at 3:00pm on Sunday, followed by a show and a cookout.

Eligibility: Show Choir is an extracurricular activity and is thus consequently subject to the Shepherd Hill academic requirements for participation in extracurricular activities. Students must be passing 4 major subjects. Music students are encouraged to maintain a C average or better in every class. All show choir members must be enrolled the corresponding daytime choir class for their ensemble(s). Mrs. Bussiere will place you in the appropriate class. Doubler will be placed in Fantasy first and it will be the responsibility of the student to know their music and changes that were made during class.

Uniforms: We estimate that $450.00 will cover uniforms, excluding shoes and accessories, that the student will require for the year. Once you are measured by Mrs. Niro and your uniform is ordered, you are responsible for paying for the uniform even if you quit or you are removed. If you gain weight or lose weight enough that your uniform does not fit, you will be required to pay for the alterations. You will be well versed on the care and maintenance of your uniforms. Hair, makeup and jewelry are part of your uniform. **No unnatural hair colors are allowed** (pink, green, rainbow, etc). Natural hair colors only. If you have a tattoo that shows through your uniform it must be covered. The only jewelry allowed in performance is the jewelry we give you. All other jewelry will be removed before performance. All piercings must be removed and any gauges must be clear. No fingernail polish is allowed. Men are to be clean-shaven. Non-compliance with any of these initiatives will result in you not being able to perform.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date
Music Department Discipline Standards

The Shepherd Hill Music Department has long enjoyed a reputation for musical excellence and worthy educational achievements. Audiences, educators and students from other schools have come to expect exceptionally high levels of musical performance and personal behavior from the Shepherd Hill Performing ensembles because of our appearances at music conferences, festivals, competitions and concerts.

We wish to maintain these traditions while increasing the musical abilities and character growth of our students through cooperative effort, self-discipline, responsibility, patience and a desire for perfection. A proper attitude and a strong concept of responsibility to oneself and the group are necessary to achieve these indispensable values. It is in the spirit of cooperation that I ask each parent/guardian of a participating student, as well as the students themselves, to read the following disciplinary standards so that the music program continues to achieve the high standard of sportsmanship and performance for which we are known.

C.A.R.E.

Commitment: To the group effort, or, keeping the good of the group your top priority. Do MORE than your share. Set up and clean up without complaining. If you see something needs to be done, just do it. Take initiative. Practice. Follow procedure. Care.

Attitude: Keep comments and outlook positive. Strive to improve at each rehearsal. Accept correction gracefully. Keep personal problems out of rehearsal. Gossip is BAD. Respect each other. Negativity will not be tolerated.

Responsibility: Attendance at all rehearsals, performances and competitions is mandatory. There is no such thing as an excused absence. In the event of a legitimate illness, the director must be informed in writing by the parent/guardian prior to the missed event. If you have a game, you must discuss that with the director prior to rehearsal. If you can’t commit to the schedule than you cannot participate in show choir.

Excellence: The Shepherd Hill Music Department has a long history of outstanding ensembles. Ensembles should be “fun,” but the “fun” is the result of a great deal of hard work. Accept nothing less than your best at all times. Every student deserves the opportunity to excel. Any behavior that infringes on another student’s success will not be tolerated and will result in your removal from the team.

I have read, understand and accept the Discipline Standards (C.A.R.E.) for students involved in the Shepherd Hill Regional High School Music Department. I support my child’s desire to participate in the music department and will help them meet their responsibilities. I understand that upon signing this document, a custom uniform will be ordered for my child. Should they drop out of the program, I will be responsible for the cost of this uniform. I give my child permission to participate in all scheduled rehearsals, performances & trips.

Print Student Name

Parent Signature and Date
2018-2019 Complete Schedule

*Please visit [www.shepherdhillchorus.com](http://www.shepherdhillchorus.com) for updates to the calendar of ALL choir events*Please note, dates are scheduled far in advance so that accommodations can be made, but can be subject to change (namely, dates later in 2019).

Changes will be sent home in writing to parents and posted on the Shepherd Hill Chorus website.

Show Choir Camps of America (Tiffin, OH) | July 7-15
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Central Mass Junior High Show Choir Clinic (Shepherd Hill) | July 30-August 3
Show Choir Summer Camp, (All choirs and show band) | August 4-5
Illusion Choreography | September 28-30
Fantasy Choreography/Rehearse-a-thon | October 20-21
Illusion Choreography/Rehearse-a-thon | October 26-28
Baystate Show Choir Festival (Oliver Ames) | November 9-10
Festival of Crafts (all choirs) | November 17
Why Me Performance (Fantasy only) | December 2
Holiday Spectacular Dress Rehearsal | December 3-6
Holiday Spectacular | December 7 at 7:00 PM
Holiday Spectacular | December 8, 2:00 & 7:00 PM
Fantasy Choreography | January 4-5
Show Choir Tech Week | January 14-17
Illusion Tech | Monday & Tuesday
Fantasy Tech | Wednesday & Thursday
Mill City Show Choir Festival (Lowell High) | January 19
Central Mass Show Choir Festival (Shepherd Hill) | February 1-2
Tantasqua Show Choir Spectacular (T-Tones only) | February 9
Connecticut Classic (Daniel Hand High) | March 2
Nutmeg Show Choir Festival (Windsor Locks High) | March 9
Heart of America Orlando | March 21-25
Eastern Show Choir Festival (Waltham High) | April 6
*District Show Choir Show | April 7, 2:00 and 5:00 PM
Show Choir Banquet | April 10
Central Mass Concert Choir Festival (Shepherd Hill) | April 27
*Pops Concert (All choirs and bands) | May 17
Aida Tech Week/Show | June 3-9

**Choreography Weekends (Vocal Workshops Will be Added Later)**

**Fantasy**
October 20 and 21, 2018 (Rehearse-a-thon)
January 4 and 5, 2019

**Illusion**
September 28, 29 and 30, 2018
October 26, 27 and 28, 2018 (Rehearse-a-thon)

**T-Tones**
T-Tones will mostly choreograph during their after school rehearsals. Extra weekend days may be added and those dates will be announced and agreed upon by members and staff, as needed.
# Anticipated Expenses and Payment Schedule

## Concert Choir

**Estimated cost of trip to Florida**

| Uniforms  | $450.00 |
| Oliver Ames | $100.00 |
| Florida    | $1700.00 (estimated)* |

**Estimated Total**

$2250.00

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## Fantasy - Illusion

**Uniforms**

$450.00

**Oliver Ames**

$100.00

**Florida**

$1700.00 (estimated)*

**Estimated Total**

$2250.00

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## T-Tones

**Uniforms**

$200.00

**Oliver Ames**

$100.00

**Florida**

$1700.00 (estimated)*

**Estimated Total**

$2000.00

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## Show Band

**Estimated cost of trip to Florida**

$1700.00 (estimated)*

**Estimated Total**

$2000.00

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**Fantasy and Illusion Doublers:**

Add $450.00 to your bill total ($50.00 per month on the payment plan)

**T-Tones and Fantasy Doublers:**

Add $200.00 to your bill total ($23.00 per month on the payment plan)
The Shepherd Hill Show Choirs and Concert Choirs sponsor a yearly rehearse-a-thon where each student will rehearse for a minimum of ten hours on October 20th or October 26th. ALL proceeds will be directly applied to the student’s bill and will help to defer the cost of the student’s uniform, competition and travel expenses for this year. Thank you for your support!

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Parent Consent Release from Liability and Indemnity Agreement

We the undersigned father and/or mother or guardian(s) of _____________________, a minor, and said minor, do hereby consent to his/her participation in voluntary music programs (included but not limited to rehearsals and performances) and music department organized travel and do forever RELEASE, acquit, discharge and covenant to hold harmless the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, a regional school district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants, and agents of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses and compensation of account of, or in any way growing out of directly or indirectly, all known and unknown personal injuries or property damage which we/I may now or hereafter have as the parent(s) or guardian(s) of said minor, and also all claims of right of action for damages which said minor has or hereafter acquire, either before or after he/she/they has reaches his/her/their majority resulting or to result from his/her/their participation in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District music programs and music department organized travel: FURTHERMORE, we/I hereby agree to protect the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, and its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants and agents against any claim for damages, compensation or otherwise on the part of said minor growing out of or resulting from injury to said minor in connection with his/her/their participation in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Districts voluntary music programs and music department organized travel, and not to INDEMNIFY, reimburse or make good to Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, or its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants and agents any loss or damage and costs, including attorney’s fees, the District or its representatives may have to pay if any litigation arises from said minors intentional, grossly negligent, negligent, or reckless acts or omissions while participating in the said music programs and music department organized travel.

______________________________
Student’s Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

______________________________
Parent’s Signature

______________________________
Date
Financial Assistance

The music department policy remains that **no student will be left out of an activity or music trip because of inability to pay**. Students with financial need should see Mrs. Bussiere or Mr. Macuga as soon as possible as work study begins in the summer.

Work study is for students with **SIGNIFICANT** financial need. If the student is going on the foreign language trip they are not eligible for the work study program. All work study participants must work the summer program and take part in each fundraising opportunity offered by the music department. The following opportunities are open to all music students.

**August:** Music Department Steel Beverage Containers will be ordered for any music student to sell. ALL profit from this sale will go directly towards the students account.

**September:** Cookie Dough Sale. We are changing it up this year by eliminating the magazine fundraiser and replacing it with the cookie dough sale. Each student will be required to sell ten (10) boxes of cookie dough. After the ten, profit from any extra sales will be counted towards the individual student’s bill.

**October Rehearse-a-thon:** Students will have their choreography weekends and rehearse ten (10) hours. Students will solicit pledges and collect earnings. This money will be applied directly to the student’s bill. Concert Choir will also rehearse on one of these days.

**January:** Candy Bar Fundraiser. Students are required to sell one (1) box. Profit from additional boxes will be applied directly to the student’s account.

The **payment schedule** has also been very helpful to many. Fundraising profits will be deducted from the monthly payment as they occur.
PAYMENT PLAN SLIP
Please cut out and send in an envelope with your payment to Mrs. Bussiere or mail to:
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Attention: Becky Bussiere
68 Dudley-Oxford Rd.
Dudley, MA 01571

PAYMENT SEVEN
Due Date: DECEMBER 1, 2018
Name: ________________________________
Amount: $ ___________
Check Number _______
Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.
or
__________ I have made a credit card payment at the UNIPAY system located on the shepherdhillchorus.com website.

PAYMENT EIGHT
Due Date: JANUARY 1, 2019
Name: ________________________________
Amount: $ ___________
Check Number _______
Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.
or
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PAYMENT NINE
Due Date: FEBRUARY 1, 2019
Name: ________________________________
Amount: $ ___________
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Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.
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PAYMENT SIX
Due Date: NOVEMBER 1, 2018
Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Amount: $ __________
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Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.
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PAYMENT FIVE
Due Date: OCTOBER 1, 2018
Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Amount: $ __________
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Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.
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shepherdhillchorus.com website.

PAYMENT FOUR
Due Date: SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Amount: $ __________
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Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.
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shepherdhillchorus.com website.
PAYMENT THREE  
Due Date: AUGUST 1, 2018

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Amount: $ ___________

Check Number _______

Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.

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PAYMENT TWO  
Due Date: JULY 1, 2018

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Amount: $ ___________

Check Number _______

Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.

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___________ I have made a credit card payment at the UNIPAY system located on the shepherdhillchorus.com website.

PAYMENT ONE  
Due Date: JUNE 1, 2018

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Amount: $ ___________

Check Number _______

Please make checks out to SH MUSIC.

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___________ I have made a credit card payment at the UNIPAY system located on the shepherdhillchorus.com website.
Choral Parent/Student Information Sheet

Student Name ________________________________________ Grade (2018-2019) _________  
Residential Address _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address (if different) ____________________________________________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Student Cell Phone ___________________________

Student Email Address __________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email Addresses:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s) and cell numbers:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Get involved! Your help and assistance are very important to the success of our programs. You can help by joining SHMPA, the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association, that raises money for all our ensembles and provides scholarships for seniors as well. Helping out once at one event is all anyone ever needs to do to make all of our activities a success without stress.

Or, you can check off an area of expertise and we will call you when we need your skill!

I will be here anyway, give me a job to do!

Equipment maintenance and repair

Sets/Prop Construction

I can lift heavy things around stage and load onto trucks (stage crew)

I can sew

I can’t sew but I can pin and cut if I am directed

Baking/cooking

Chaperone

Assist at events, tickets, programs etc.

Publicity

Drive the trucks