

Hello!

My name is Miss Genetski, although you can call me Miss G, and I am the new music teacher and choral director at White House Middle School. I wanted to reach out to you and tell you a little bit about myself, the music program, and the new choir program. I am hosting a choir info night so we can get to know each other and you can see the classroom **July 19th at 6:30 p.m.** and I hope to see you and your students there!

I am a first-year teacher, graduating from the Chicago College of Performing Arts. One of the best things about studying at a conservatory was that I only studied music and child development in music education. So, I might be new, but your students are in very capable, very musical hands.

Here are some of the things you can expect your children to learn during their time in General Music:

- 5th-grade music skills
- 6th-grade world drumming from Ireland, Africa, Brazil, Japan, and the Middle East
- 7th-grade ukulele
- 8th-grade guitar

Now, onto choir. We are planning on creating three choirs, but I cannot accomplish this without YOUR help! Those choirs would be (fun names coming soon):

- A beginner treble choir
- A mixed intermediate ensemble
- An advanced mixed choir (A leadership choir to be set after school, to start in January)

Do not let the names fool you, all music studied will challenge your singers as musicians. I have plans for the choir to be heavily involved with the community, performing both in school at two concerts and outside the school as well in the years to come. We are going to learn how to be an ensemble, and how to be good people through music. The arts teach us how to handle fear and rejection, how to welcome imperfection with confidence and grace, and how to be diligent workers.

Here is a [google doc](#) with *some* of the songs I have picked out for the choirs. Click the names of the songs then click the link that will appear. The versions the choirs will be singing are labeled in each box so you know what to click on the next page (there will also be a red flag that says “currently viewing” next to the appropriate song.) I encourage you to take a listen with your student, and get them excited and wanting to join this program before the year starts so we can hit the ground running.

I will send out a google survey shortly after our info night to gauge just how many students would like to join the choir and set up a time a date, and time for your student to come by the room and *audition during the first two weeks of school!

***Auditions are based on where your student is vocally and musically. They will reaudition at the end of the school year, to see where they will move into the next year if they still want to be in choir. Any student can be in the Advanced choir, even if they are in the mixed choir!**

Lastly, If you are able to bring the following items to the info night, it would be HIGHLY appreciated!!!

- Old used plastic cards such as gift cards for guitar picks

Thank you so much, and I cannot wait to meet you and your student at the info night!

Miss G.