

The Cardinal Chorale
PO Box 27
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July, 2019

Welcome!

This letter contains some very important information! Please read it twice, and have your parents/guardians read it as well. The rest of this “care package” includes:

- A music list (Chorale alums: please note which songs you will need to bring with you.)
- A rehearsal CD: **please listen to this at least twice before you arrive at Muskingum.** You may also listen/download the recordings from the members' portal on our website: www.thecardinalchorale.com. We will send you a list of links to YouTube videos of songs not on the CD.
- Two copies of our Code of Conduct. **One copy must be signed by you and your parent/guardian and returned to us on registration day – along with your medical form and your Chorale release form. (DO NOT MAIL THESE FORMS!)** Please keep the second copy of the Code of Conduct in your music folder for reference.
- A medical information and consent form
- A Muskingum University campus map with parking directions

ARRIVAL: Report to Finney Hall on the campus of Muskingum University on Saturday, July 20 at 12:00 noon. (Please do not arrive before 12:00 noon; we won't be ready for you before then.) Eat lunch before you come. On arrival, members of the Chorale staff will greet you and help you with the check-in procedure. If you are a returning member, this is a different residence hall from the one we were in last year. Please check the map!



CHECK-IN:

During registration we will:

- Collect your **signed medical form and Chorale release form. These forms are required.**
- Collect a **signed copy of the Code of Conduct.** Please note that they must be signed by your parent/guardian, regardless of your age.
- Take your picture for the Chorale records.
- Give you instructions for the check-out procedure on Saturday, July 27th
- Distribute your music packet
- Check you in to your residence hall room.

At 1:00 p.m., we will gather for our first rehearsal/informational meeting in Walter Hall. **Your parents are invited and encouraged to stay** for opening remarks, introduction of the staff, and a brief rehearsal.

FINAL DAY SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES:

During registration on check-in day you will receive some detailed information about our premiere concert and check-out procedures.

PLEASE NOTE: The premiere concert will begin at **4:00 p.m.** in Sandra Wolfe Thompson Theatre in Caldwell Hall. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. Concert-goers may enter from the main lobby. The concert should be finished around 6:00 p.m., when any remaining gear may be moved to your car.

HOW TO REACH US:

The telephone number of the Chorale office is 740-623-0554 and should be used for EMERGENCY calls only. The Chorale office is normally open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. each day.

If your family or friends want to write you, you may give them the address below. To ensure you receive the mail before you leave the Chorale Workshop, mail should be postmarked no later than Wednesday, July 24th.

Your address: **Your Name**
Cardinal Chorale Music Workshop
Muskingum University - Music Department
163 Stormont Street
New Concord, OH 43762-1199



No one, including parents, family members or friends, is permitted in the residence halls after check-in **until check-out on July 27th**. This is one way we can help ensure security for Chorale members and their belongings.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

CASH: You may want some cash on hand for things like a Chorale sweatshirt (\$35), or other Chorale merchandise. Snacks will be available for purchase at the residence hall in the evenings. You may also bring some with you. Please **do not** bring energy drinks or snacks that will be messy and attract bugs.

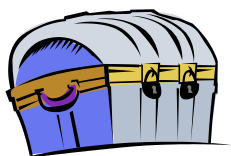


MEALS: Three balanced meals are provided each day in the university dining hall. If you have food allergies (peanuts, gluten, etc), or if you are a vegetarian and have not told us already, please call or email the office and let us know immediately! Muskingum's culinary staff will be preparing our food on campus.

UNIFORM: Before dinner each night, we will be change into a uniform tee-shirt. You may wear shorts, capris, or slacks with the shirt. If you choose to wear shorts, make sure they extend at least mid-thigh and are do not have holes. For our concert we will wear our "dress uniform" with a Chorale polo shirt and navy dress slacks. (Please check out the packing list sent with your acceptance materials for more details.)

During the day we suggest you wear tee-shirts or polo shirts and shorts. Please leave low cut tops, cut off shirts, and thin-strapped tank tops at home.

You will notice on your Code of Conduct (#24) that we expect the gentlemen of the Chorale to be clean-shaven. **Please arrive this way** so it is unnecessary for you to do any shaving before pictures are taken. We are going for the professional, All-American look!



PACKING: Please **don't bring** expensive watches, jewelry, or electronics. (If you want to listen to music on your phone or a tablet, you will want to bring earphones.) If you decide to bring a cell phone, be aware there will be some restrictions on its use. **You will need a watch since you won't be able to check your cell phone most of the time.** Remember, you are responsible for anything you bring.

Every room in Finney Hall is furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, and closet for each occupant. If there are things you will want to secure, you may consider bringing a suitcase with a luggage lock. As you pack, please remember you will be at Muskingum for seven days. You will not need to transport your entire room to New Concord ☺

Singers in the rehearsal room or on performance risers often discover that they are affected by the strong scent of deodorants, perfumes, colognes, body sprays, scented lotions, and scented hair sprays. **Please buy unscented deodorant** and save all the “smelly stuff” for home.

MEDICATION: We ask that prescription drugs be checked in at the Chorale office. We will dispense as required and keep a record of dispersals.

FINAL REMINDERS:

Please read the Code of Conduct carefully. It is designed to protect you and other members of the Chorale, and to keep us all healthy for some great singing.

If you are involved with any varsity sport, marching band, or other obligation, please make sure that you alert your coach/teacher/employer of when you will be gone (and missing practice) ASAP!

For those of you who have slipped into a summer sleeping schedule of late nights and afternoon wake-ups, you may want to begin training yourself for the Chorale daily routine: lights out – 11 p.m./wake-up – 7 a.m.

I am confident that this will be one of the best experiences of your life! I’m looking forward to meeting new friends and greeting familiar friends as well. See you on July 20th!



Please don't forget:

- Two signed copies of the Code of Conduct
- Signed copies of the medical release form and permission and release form
- Water bottle, folder for music, backpack, and pencils
- Music/red polo shirts (alumni)

Sincerely,

Charles R. Snyder
Director