

The CONSERVATORY

AT HARKER

Thank you so much for auditioning this week for one of our amazing Harker choirs. We know that this can be a challenging time at home as students prepare for the auditions, become absorbed in thoughts about next year while keeping up with their school studies and activities.

There are a few points that we, the ensemble directors, would like to remind both parents and students about as we wrap up this process.

- Be kind, encouraging and respectful of each other throughout the process and after results become known.
- What choir you choose to audition for is a very personal choice. Follow your heart and not the “side coaching” of others.
- There are specific requirements for each group and while you may be a wonderful solo singer or a great dancer, each ensemble requires a specific combination of skill sets.
- Being an outstanding soloist does not guarantee acceptance into specific ensembles. Singers with strong theory and musicianship skills, vocal blend needed for the ensemble, and/or dance skills will make a group because they are better suited for the ensemble as a whole.
- Often, the balance of the ensemble is a primary factor in determining placement in an ensemble.
- Try, as best you can to not “pre-cast.” Multiple variables go into our selection process. Our decisions are not only based on how well you do, but how you fit into the entire picture of what a given group needs.
- All of the singers fit together in a unique way every year. For this next school year, this year, your voice type and skills may not be right for a given group.
- We are not replacing a certain number of seniors. The size of Cantilena and Downbeat varies each year.

- Wherever you land, you will have an amazing learning experience next year, growing as a performer. You are so fortunate to have a variety of performance opportunities and directors with whom you get to work.
- No one group is “better” than another at Harker, that’s the beauty of this process. They are simply different.
- Embrace the process and the results. Enjoy the process, give it your best and accept how it unfolds your new opportunities with grace.

You have given us your best in auditions and we thank you for taking the bold risk of auditioning. The directors work together to find the best fit for you.

We will do our best to email you with results Friday night by 6 p.m., and if we have not posted by Friday 6 p.m., we will email you 6 p.m. Monday.

All our best,
Ms. Nace, Ms. Sandusky & Ms. Lang-Ree