



### Director of Choral Activities

James Jones will be starting his ninth year as Director of Choral Activities at Hanford High School. Under his direction, the Hanford Choirs have built a tradition of excellence here in the Columbia Basin. Prior to teaching at Hanford, Mr. Jones taught choir and private voice at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, MI. Mr. Jones has been married to his lovely wife, Rebecca, for almost 10 years, and has two daughters: Anastazya (4) and Amelia (2). Mr. Jones loves musical theatre and directs the Winter Musical every year.

For more information about HHS Choir, contact [james.jones@rsd.edu](mailto:james.jones@rsd.edu) at (509) 967-6500, ext. 1578.

## Audition Information

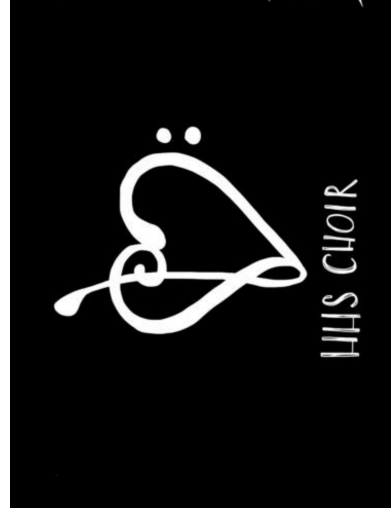
Students who are interested in auditioning for a placement other than Concert Choir will need to be ready to do the following:

1. Sing a short, prepared song, preferably your vocal line of a choral piece you have sung.
2. A vocalization for voice placement
3. A brief check on your understanding of music theory

See Mr. Jones if you have any scheduling questions or to schedule an audition. [james.jones@rsd.edu](mailto:james.jones@rsd.edu)

*\*Students who wish to register for Concert Choir do not need to audition\**

[www.hanfordchoirs.org](http://www.hanfordchoirs.org)



**Hanford High Choirs**  
*Stand Together, Sing Forever*



## 2022-2023 Information



*There's a place for you!*



### What is choir like at HHS?

Students at Hanford High are able to participate in one or more of six choir classes. At the end of each school year, students are placed into choirs based on their musicianship, citizenship, and sight reading abilities. If you have never been in choir, NOW is a great time to start!

Hanford High Choir students are able to participate in Solo & Ensemble, All-State and All-Northwest Honor Choirs, and various other trips throughout the year. We are planning some great things for the future!



## Choirs offered at HHS

**Concert Choir:** The only self-selected ensemble at Hanford, open to any student grades 9-12. Concert Choir is a beginning level high school ensemble that will have numerous performances throughout the school year.

**Bella Voce (Treble Choir):** Membership in Bella Voce will be through audition only, and will be open to any student who sings in the treble range (soprano or alto) grades 9-12. Bella Voce is an intermediate level high school ensemble, reserved for those students that have gone beyond the scope and sequence for middle school students, and are ready for more challenging literature.

**Chamber Choir:** Membership in Chamber Choir will be through audition only and will be open to students grades 10-12. Chamber Choir is an advanced level high school ensemble, reserved for students who are in their second year in the HHS Choral Program who have mastered the skills necessary to achieve vocal independence.

**Varsity Treble Choir:** Membership in Varsity Treble Choir will be through audition only and will be open to students grades 10-12. Varsity Treble Choir is a professional level ensemble, reserved for students who are in their third year in the HHS Choral Program and have progressed to the point that they are ready to perform University level literature at a high proficiency level.

**Varsity Chorale (Varsity Choir):** Membership in Varsity Chorale will be through audition only and will be open to students grades 11-12. Varsity Chorale is a professional level ensemble, reserved for students who are in their third year in the HHS Choral Program and have progressed to the point that they are ready to perform University level literature at a high proficiency level.

**Show Choir (Vocal Jazz):** Membership will be through audition only and will be open to students grades 10-12. Concurrent enrollment in one of the other five choral ensembles is required. Show Choir (Vocal Jazz) meets 0 hour every day. Show Choir (Vocal Jazz) is an advanced ensemble focusing on performing contemporary and musical theatre music, and will include singing and dancing components.

### ANYONE can be in choir at HHS!

Yes, you can be in choir in 9<sup>th</sup> grade!  
In fact, plan to be in choir ALL FOUR YEARS of High School! Be a part of the biggest choral program in the Columbia Basin area!!!