



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM AT TESORO HIGH SCHOOL

Involvement in a music program such as the one here at THS will allow you to participate in excellent choral ensembles devoted to performing quality music from all genres throughout history. Tesoro choirs have shown themselves to be among the best in the nation. Evidence of this is in Tesoro being selected as a Grammy Signature School (top 5 schools out of 25,000 nationwide) and Mr. Hancock being selected as the Grammy Music Educator of the Year (out of 4,000 nominations), one of 10 CMA National Teachers of Excellence, and a Global Teacher Prize top 50 finalist (out of 30,000 teachers worldwide). Ensembles from Tesoro have performed, recorded, collaborated with or opened for a growing list of world-class performers, including Jason Mraz, Sara Bareilles, Colbie Caillat, Johnny Mathis, Five for Fighting, Quentin Tarantino, Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen, Take 6, Gordon Goodwin, Eden Espinosa, Natalie Weiss, Ruben Studdard, and Raining Jane.

Tesoro is also a multiple winner of the Golden State Choral Competition, and they have secured three Western U.S. barbershop championships. Tesoro Choirs have performed multiple times in Carnegie Hall, New York, and they are a regular performer at Staples Center for the L.A. Lakers and Clippers. In addition, they have performed twice as one of three featured high school choirs in the Western United States honored with two performances at the ACDA Western Division Conference, the highest honor for a high school choir in the U.S. The Tesoro choirs tour annually, and they have performed to rave reviews at top venues in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Costa Rica, Canada, and Mexico.

Participation in music ensembles has been shown to improve ability in other subject areas, and also can be an important factor in improving self-confidence, motivation, and overall academic achievement and test scores. The social nature of singing is a big part of the choir department at Tesoro, and students are given a built-in network for forming lifelong friendships and making a big campus seem smaller. With your participation in the choral program at Tesoro, you will be able to experience the thrill of performing in front of groups of people at concerts given to the public, as well as performing at choral festivals with choirs from around the state. In addition, there will be opportunities to go on state, national, and international tours in the years to come!

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## TESORO HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL OFFERINGS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

**CONCERT CHOIR** A treble (soprano-alto) ensemble for beginning students in grades 9-12. Concert Choir performs at all five major choral concerts.

**TITAN CHOIR** A low-voice (tenor-bass) ensemble for beginning students in grades 9-12. Titan Choir performs at all five major choral concerts.

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE** An audition-only intermediate mixed ensemble for students in grades 9-12. Vocal Ensemble performs at all five major choral concerts.

**ADVANCED TREBLE ENSEMBLE** An audition-only advanced treble ensemble for students in grades 9-12. Advanced Treble Ensemble performs at all five major choral concerts, local choral festivals, and an annual spring tour.

**MADRIGALS** An audition-only advanced mixed ensemble (SATB) for students in grades 9-12. Madrigals perform at all five major concerts, as well as spring tour, CUSD Honor Choir, festivals, competitions and numerous outside performances.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ENSEMBLES** For our most advanced singers, we offer several audition-only extracurricular vocal ensembles, including our award-winning Contemporary A Cappella Ensemble (Titanium), and barbershop and beauty shop quartets. These performance/competition ensembles meet during lunch, tutorial, or after school, and enrollment in a curricular ensemble is required.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Incoming freshmen students should select one of the choir classes, Concert Choir or Titan (Men's) Choir, as their first choice for their electives. Encourage your friends to do the same! Choir is a great way to build friendships and get connected on a large campus. Whatever your background, singing experience, or perceived skill level is, Tesoro Choir has a place for you! Auditions for Vocal Ensemble, Advanced Women's Ensemble, and Madrigals are held each year in May for the following year. Contact Mr. Hancock in early May for an audition time.

Thank you for your interest in the choral program. If you have any questions about anything, please email me at [kghancock@capousd.org](mailto:kghancock@capousd.org) and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Also, check out our website at [tesorochoir.com](http://tesorochoir.com) for more information. Hope to see you in my class soon!

Sing-cerely,

*Keith Hancock*

THS Choral Music Director

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR COURSE PLAN:

### > 9TH GRADE

- Choir
  - English + Math + Science
  - PE/Sport
  - Foreign Language or other elective (drama, music, art, technology, etc.)
  - Health\*
- \*Health can be taken in summer school or as a future elective (1 semester).

### > 10TH GRADE

- Choir
  - English + Math + Science
  - World History
  - PE/Sport
  - Foreign Language or elective\*
- \*If student takes a 0 period or language at Saddleback.

### > 11TH GRADE

- Choir
  - English + Math + U.S. History
  - Science or elective
  - PE/Sport or elective
  - Foreign Language or elective\*
- \*If student takes a 0 period or language at Saddleback.

### > 12TH GRADE

- Choir
- English + U.S. Government/Economics
- Math/Science or Elective
- PE/Sport or Elective
- Foreign Language or Elective

**CALL TESORO GUIDANCE AT 234-5310, OR  
THE CUSD OFFICE AT 234-9200 FOR  
FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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Keith Hancock, Jason Mraz,  
and Madrigals

