



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 demonstrated 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) 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, Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen, Gordon Goodwin, 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 a performance 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 the top venues in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Spain, France, Luxembourg, 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 mixed ensemble for beginning students in grades 9-12. Concert 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 concerts.

ADVANCED TREBLE ENSEMBLE An audition-only ensemble for sopranos and altos in grades 9-12. Advanced Women's Ensemble performs at all five major choral concerts, choral festivals, and an annual local spring tour.

MADRIGALS An audition-only advanced mixed ensemble (SATB) for students in grades 10-12. Madrigals perform at all five major concerts, as well as spring tour, CUSD Honor Choir, festivals, competitions and numerous outside performances.

VOCAL JAZZ An audition-only ensemble for students in grades 9-12 that performs vocal jazz repertoire, performing in all five major concerts as well as on tour, at festivals, and select years at the Disneyland Candlelight Processional. Meets 0-period. Must be enrolled in another major ensemble to participate.

EXTRACURRICULAR ENSEMBLES For our most advanced singers, we offer several audition-only extracurricular vocal ensembles, including our award-winning Contemporary A Cappella group, Titanium, as well as barbershop and beauty shop quartets. These 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 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. We are looking for at least 30 tenor/basses and 50 soprano/altos from the incoming freshman class to participate in choir next year. Auditions for Vocal Ensemble, Advanced Treble 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 and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Also, check out our website at 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

