

2023-24 Hi-Style Handbook

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Weekly Rehearsals

- **Thursday Evenings:** Set-up at 5pm, Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm, Tear-down 8:30-9pm beginning August 24th-February 15th.
 - When a Thursday rehearsal is not possible (ex. Thanksgiving), a rehearsal may be scheduled for Tuesday instead. See “Dates Compiled.”
- **Tuesday Mornings:** 8:00-8:45am beginning October 31st through January 30th.
 - If an evening “make-up” rehearsal is scheduled on a Tuesday, we will **not** have morning rehearsal that same day.
 - If there is a late start due to weather on Tuesday mornings, we will **not** have morning rehearsal. If school is released early due to weather, we will **not** have evening rehearsal.
- **See “Dates Compiled” below for a full list of altered rehearsals and performances.**
- The expectation is that every member will be at all rehearsals. **Any absence must be conveyed directly to Mr. Jorgensen via email at least 24 hours before rehearsal.**
- Rehearsal BEGINS at the scheduled time. Please arrive early to be on time.
- **Frequent tardiness and absences, as well as poor communication concerning either, may result in removal from Hi-Style.**

Camps

Because so much learning and advancement occurs at these extended camps, it is crucial for every member to clear their schedule and be in attendance. Few exceptions are allowed and must be communicated to Mr. Jorgensen at least one week before the camp begins.

Choreography Camps

*****Camp attire TBD*****

- Monday, September 11, 4:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday-Thursday, September 13-14, 4:30-9:30pm
- Monday, September 18, 4:30-9:30pm
- Thursday, September 21, 4:30-9:30pm

Other Camp Dates

- Friday, December 1st, 4:30-9:30pm
- Friday, December 8th, 4:30-9:30pm

Performances

These performances and competitions are full-day commitments and require the whole group to be in attendance. **An unexcused absence from one of these performances may result in dismissal from the group.**

- Get in the Spirit: **December 16, 2023**
 - This day will include pictures in the afternoon (more specific times TBD) and two performances: 5:30 and 8pm. (LMHS)
- Ankeny Centennial Mid-Iowa Show Choir Championships, Ankeny, IA: **January 6, 2024**
- Linn-Mar Supernova: **January 13, 2024** (exhibition show and volunteering)
- Prairie Premiere at Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids, IA: **January 27, 2024**
- Urbandale HS Show Choir Competition, Urbandale, IA: **February 10, 2024**
- Pella Dutch Masters Competition, Pella, IA: **February 17, 2024**
 - In Step and Hi-Style will attend this competition. 10th Street edition will attend a different competition in late February.
- Show Choir Finale Performances: **Thursday, March 1 at 7pm & Friday, March 2 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.** (LMHS)

Fees

Fees cover the bulk of costuming needs, including clothing, shoes, and accessories. These items then become property of the student at the end of the show choir season.

- **\$450 – Total**
 - \$225.00 due to Linn-Mar High School by **September 8, 2023**
 - \$225.00 due to Linn-Mar High School by **October 27, 2023**

Please make all payments payable to Linn-Mar High School and take them to Joyce Dayton in the Cashier's office next to the Counseling Office (next to Door 13). Directors will not collect any payments. If you need a more flexible payment plan, please contact Mrs. Buel (kbuel@linnmar.k12.ia.us) to make arrangements. We will find a way to make this opportunity work for your student no matter what!

Student Communication



We will use the BAND App this year to share information and communicate with Hi-Style members. Students should download the app and join the Hi-Style 2023-24 group before school begins. Scan the QR code or enter this link to join: <https://band.us/n/aeaf9fd5h4p6o>

Parent Communication



We use email and Facebook groups to communicate with parents. The Facebook groups are a great place to share announcements, resources, pictures, videos, and interact with others in the LMHS show choir community. We encourage all parents to be members of "Hi-Style Parents 2023-24" and the "LM Show Choir Supporters" group.

Dates Compiled (All events at LMHS unless otherwise indicated):

These dates do not include our regular weekly rehearsals

- **August 24: Start of Thursday evening rehearsals**
- Monday, September 11, 4:30-9:30pm: Choreography Camp
- Wednesday-Thursday, September 13-14, 4:30-9:30pm: Choreography Camp
- Monday, September 18, 4:30-9:30pm: Choreography Camp
- Thursday, September 21, 4:30-9:30pm: Choreography Camp
- Tuesday, October 17: Added Rehearsal, 5:30-8:30pm

- **October 31: Start of Tuesday morning rehearsals, 8:00-8:45am**
- Tuesday, November 14, 5:30-8:30pm: Additional Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 16: No rehearsal (All-State Festival)
- Tuesday, November 21, 5:30-8:30pm: Additional Rehearsal with Band
- Thursday, November 23: No rehearsal (Thanksgiving Break)
- Friday, December 1, 4:30-9:30pm: Camp with Band and Crew
- Thursday, December 7: No rehearsal (Holiday Concert)
- Friday, December 8, 4:30-9:30pm: Camp with Band and Crew and Costumes
- **Saturday, December 16, All Day: Get In The Spirit Pictures & Performances**
- Thursday, December 28: No Rehearsal (Winter Break)
- **Saturday, January 6: Ankeny Centennial Show Choir Championships, Ankeny, IA**
- **Saturday, January 13: Linn-Mar Supernova (exhibition show and volunteering)**
- **Saturday, January 27: Prairie Premiere, Cedar Rapids, IA**
- Tuesday, February 6, 5:30-8:30pm: Additional Rehearsal
- Thursday, February 8: No rehearsal (Choir Concert)
- **Saturday, February 10: Urbandale Show Choir Invitational, Urbandale, IA**
- **Saturday, February 17: Pella Dutch Masters Invitational, Pella, IA**
- Monday, February 26: Final Show Choir Rehearsal, 6-8pm (with In Step and 10th Street)
- **February 29 at 7pm & March 1 at 5:30 & 7:30: Show Choir Finale Performances**

Hi-Style 2023-2024 Contract

Due September 1

Please initial below:

_____ We have read the information in this contract and have put all dates on our calendar.

_____ We have communicated with Mr. Jorgensen about any known conflicts with the calendar.

_____ We understand that unexcused absences may result in not being able to perform at certain performances or dismissal from the team.

_____ We understand we are responsible for the payments as described and we will communicate with Mrs. Buelt about payments if needed.

We have read and discussed what is involved in accepting a position for Hi-Style for the 2023 – 2024 season as laid out in this contract. We understand this commitment.

_____ (student name) will be accepting this spot in Hi-Style with all the expectations of this commitment. **The signed contract is due to Mr. Jorgensen by September 1.**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Date