

**TMS Tonali-T Show Choir Handbook  
2010- 2011**

Troy Middle School  
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**Who Are We?**

The Troy Middle Tonali-T is open to students entering 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8th grades. This group is an auditioned group of singers and dancers wish to learn performance skills in a contemporary setting of music with dancing, staging, costumes, etc.

**Re-Choir-ed Materials at Rehearsal:**

1. Water Bottle
2. Sharpened pencil with eraser
3. Comfortable Clothes and Appropriate Shoes
4. Folder with music (provided by Mrs. Howard)
5. Positive Attitude

**Rehearsal/Travel/Performance Expectations:**

1. Be respectful.
2. Be ready to learn.
3. Be accountable.
4. Be positive.

**CONSEQUENCES** Failure to abide by the Rehearsal Expectations will result in warnings, being set out of a rehearsal, parent phone calls, and in extreme circumstances, removal from the group.

**APPARELL** You will be issued a garment bag and various costume pieces. As a member of the group, you are expected to take care of your costuming items. Please keep clothes hung up and stored away to prevent wrinkling. Please do not wash your clothes at home. We will do this throughout the season as a group. If any items are lost, it is your responsibility to pay for their replacement. A full list of items that will be need on trips such as make-up, earrings, etc. at our performances will come at a later date.

**FEES** All of the payments will be made prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> in following the TMS Tonali-T Financial Contract. Any personal items that will be ordered such as shoes, earrings, etc. will be your responsibility to pay. I will send out notes when these items will be ordered and you are to purchase them. Extra money will be needed for food on trips, but all other fees are included in your payments.

**IMPORTANT DATES/CALENDAR** I will try and remind you of important dates and schedules through EMAIL ONLY. The current calendar can be found at the Troy Music website ([www.troymusic.com](http://www.troymusic.com)). Please keep up to date with the calendar as there will be

changes. The most current calendar is what is on the website. We are working on getting SchoolReach set up for emergencies.

**ATTENDANCE** This is very important! In order for us to work as a team, you must be at rehearsals, choreography sessions, performances, etc. You are letting fellow students down by not being there to participate. In show choir, there is no warming the bench; everybody plays. Attendance is mandatory to every Tonal-T event.

**ABSENCES** Every rehearsal, choreography session, performance, etc. is MANDATORY. If you have a conflict with sports, dance, etc., please talk to me personally. I expect for you to “share time” with other activities. I must have documentation of the absence and why it was missed. If you have another activity during a performance or choreography session, this will not be excused. Please make every effort to be here all of the time. If you miss for any reason, you will be expected to make it up and be up to the standard of your other teammates. We cannot work together as a group if not everyone is here. If absences persist, you may be removed from the group.

**BEGIN ON TIME** This is essential in a performing group to make the most of a rehearsal. If you have talked with me previously about being late, you will be responsible for the time you miss. If there is a consistent problem with being late, I will determine the consequence.

**SCHOOL TRAVEL** When we do get the opportunity to travel this year, we are representing Troy Middle School. I hold my students to the highest standard and depend on them to represent our school well rather than this is on a bus, in a hotel, or at a restaurant. When traveling, we should exemplify the best behavior possible and represent our school well. This means in speech, actions, attitude, and communication with other students. It is a privilege to be in this group; show why you are a part of this choir!

**PARENTS TRAVELING** Students must travel with the group- you may only travel separately if with your parent/guardian- NO EXCEPTIONS! I must also have this documented to me previous to the trip. I will send a form home to be filled out to let me know this. Also, you must sign your student out with me when taking them from a trip. You will be paying for a seat on the bus and hotel room, even if you choose not to travel with the group. Parents must have background checks as mandated by the school district, if you are going to be with our students on trips.

**ZERO TOLERANCE** I adhere to a zero tolerance policy when dealing with violence, alcohol, drugs, and any other non-appropriate school behavior/items in the classroom or off-campus while traveling. If a student is found to not adhere to policies set by the school, after proper actions have been taken, they will be dismissed from the choir.

Respectively,  
Mrs. Olivia Howard

# **TMS Tonali-T Handbook Contract**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS  
PAPER BY **TUESDAY, SEPT. 14, 2010**  
TO MRS. HOWARD.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received information contained in the Troy Middle School Tonali-T Handbook for the 2010-2011 school year. I also understand that successful participation is a huge part of being a successful team.

Please sign below to indicate that you have been made aware of these policies for TMS Tonali-T for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Student's Name (Print)

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Parent's/Guardians Name (Print)

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Student's Signature/Date

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Numbers to be list on SchoolReach:  
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