

Announcing
2008/9

Variations Auditions Counterpoint Auditions

Interested in becoming a part of the great Woodrow show choir tradition? Audition for the 2008/9 award winning varsity show choir, Variations, or the newly formed 2008/9 JV show choir, Counterpoint! ALL 2008/9 WOODROW STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO AUDITION!!

The auditions will be held on Sunday, May 11. A sign up sheet will be posted outside the choir room at Woodrow beginning Tuesday, April 29 – don't delay in signing up! The audition begins at 1:30 pm on May 11.

Variations and Counterpoint will audition the same day – the sign up is the same and you do not need to choose a choir at this time. However, if you are only interested in Counterpoint, tell us that at the time of your audition. (There will likely be a separate additional audition for Counterpoint next Fall.)

Returning Variations MUST audition!!!! We anticipate that that only a few slots will open up in Variations next year, so competition will be strong. It is possible that some Freshmen and Sophomores will make Variations!

Counterpoint is the new JV version of Variations. It will largely be made up of Freshmen and Sophomores, but Juniors and Seniors may find it a better match for their efforts and abilities. The time commitment for Counterpoint will be less than it is for Variations.

The audition takes place in two (2) parts.

1. Dance Audition: Arrive at the school at 1:30 pm. Everyone will learn one short dance routine and then perform it in small groups beginning at 2:30 pm.
2. Singing Audition: Prepare 16 bars (or a short segment) of a song. The song should be upbeat and give you a chance to perform at your

best. You will sign up for separate slots. Your audition will be accompanied by a pianist (not recorded music), so you will need sheet music, and you will have an opportunity the week before auditions to rehearse with an accompanist during or after school.

Mr. Morrison will help you pick a song if you are in need of help and can provide sheet music for you, and you can make arrangements to work with him to prepare for your audition. Come by to see him any time to discuss it – if you are having trouble connecting with him due to your class schedule and his, leave a note in his box and Mr. Beaird's box in the principal's office with your number and they will call you.

Dress: Please wear clothes that are dressy, yet easy to move in. You do not want to hamper your audition by wearing blue jeans. You are trying to show yourself at your best, so put some effort into looking great.

Judging: The judging criteria for making it into the group is in four parts, (1) singing, (2) dancing, (3) reliability and (4) grades. We are looking for students who enjoy performing and who project that enjoyment to an audience. Have fun! Look like you are having fun!

Variations is a Woodrow class (which meets 4th period). If you make it into the group, you will be required to register for the class. Counterpoint will also be a Woodrow class -- we think it will meet 5th period (we'll know more when the schedule for next year is released).

Variations also has rehearsals after school and on the weekends throughout the fall. During the Christmas season in particular, we have many performances outside of school hours. It is a BIG time commitment (but lots of fun) –and it is imperative that you be able to attend each performance and rehearsal, with very limited exceptions – you are graded on your participation. You are also expected to participate in the spring gala and musical, which will require significant rehearsal time outside of school.

Variations and Counterpoint do have some costs associated with them, but there are scholarships available to those who need them.

We encourage everyone to audition!!