

GBN Ladies First Auditions

August, 2017

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Ladies First! I look forward to working with this fun, talented ensemble. As you know, Ladies First has a very busy rehearsal and concert schedule. Attendance at all rehearsals and concerts is critical to the success of the ensemble.

For membership, the following rehearsals and concert dates are required. Please check and compare dates with your family, school, sport and activity calendar. Be sure to include conflicts such as Theatre, Debate, Athletics, Marching Band, Work, Kairos, Snowball, etc. List all conflicts with rehearsals and concerts on the attached sheet.

1. AUDITIONS

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| 1. Wednesday, August 30 | Workshop (optional) | 3:10 p.m. |
| 2. Thursday, August 31 | Auditions | 3:10 p.m. |
| 3. Friday, September 1 | Roster Posted (online) | 9:00 p.m. |

2. REHEARSALS

We typically rehearse Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m beginning on September 11th. However, due to holidays, there will be some adjustments to the schedule, typically moving rehearsal to Tuesday evening if Monday is not available. Below is the full rehearsal schedule (dates and times are tentative and subject to change):

Monday, September 11
Monday, September 18
Monday, September 25
Tuesday, October 3
Tuesday, October 10
Monday, October 16
Monday, October 23
Monday, October 30
Monday, November 6
Monday, November 13
Monday, November 20
Monday, November 27
Monday, December 4
Monday, December 11
Tuesday, December 19

Monday, January 8
Tuesday, January 16
Monday, January 22
Monday, January 29
Monday, February 5
Monday, February 12
Monday, February 26
Monday, March 5
Monday, March 12
Monday, March 19
Monday, April 9
Monday, April 30
Monday, May 7
Monday, May 14

3. CONCERTS

1.	Tuesday, October 24	Fall Choral Concert	7:00 p.m. (call time TBD)
2.	February 15-21	Variety Show Rehearsals	Afternoons/Evenings TBD
3.	Thursday, February 22	Variety Show	Evening (call Time TBD)
4.	Friday, February 23	Variety Show	Evening (call Time TBD)
5.	Saturday, February 24	Variety Show	Evening (call Time TBD)
6.	Thursday, May 17	Spring Choral Concert	7:00 p.m. (call time TBD)
7.	Monday, May 21	End of the Year Banquet	6:00 p.m.

Additional performances may be added as the year progresses

4. ATTIRE

Ladies First will receive dresses provided by the GBN choir department. Students may be required to purchase additional items - for instance, jewelry, shoes, and a costume for the Variety Show.

5. AUDITION PREPARATION

All auditionees, including returning members, must prepare:

- “Another Day of Sun” (La La Land) - Begin at measure 5 (“Da ba da...”) and finish at measure 24 (“...and live inside each scene”).
- “Loyalty Song” - Whole song, both soprano and alto parts (this will be distributed in class).

The Audition Process

- Complete the Commitment Sheet and Conflict Form
- An optional workshop will be given on Wednesday, August 30 to teach/review the prepared song.
- On Thursday, August 31 each auditionee will sing the prepared song for the director individually and in small groups.
- When everyone has finished singing, a short dance excerpt will be taught. Time will be given to practice, and then the excerpt will be performed in small groups for the director.

TO: Ladies First Auditionees and Parents

FROM: Kelsey Nichols

RE: Commitment Sheet

DATE: August, 2017

Please fill this out carefully and return at audition time to Mrs. Nichols.

On the attached form please list the involvements that you have during these months. Include athletic practices and games, GBN activities such as Theatre, IE, Snowball, tutoring, Poms, Orchesis, Kairos, and work and family obligations, etc. This should include after school and evening activities.

Attached is the tentative rehearsal and concert schedule for Ladies First.

_____ I/We understand the commitment for membership in Ladies First.

_____ I/We understand the full year attendance policy and will be available through May 21st.

Parent

Student

NAME: _____	ACTIVITY	DAY(S) PER WEEK	TIME (INCLUDE GAMES & PRACTICES)
SEPTEMBER 2017			
OCTOBER 2017			
NOVEMBER 2017			
DECEMBER 2017			

JANUARY 2018			
FEBRUARY 2018			
MARCH 2018			
APRIL 2018			
MAY 2018			