



CROIXALIERS

2017-2018 Audition Packet

- Please read and complete before signing up for an audition time slot.
- Parent or Guardian Signature is required for audition.
- Letter of Recommendation (unless currently a Croixaliers member) is required for audition.

Croixaliers 2017-2018 Audition Cover Letter

3/14/2017

Dear Croixaliers Auditionee and Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for showing interest in the Croixaliers, the student and musical ambassadors of St. Croix Lutheran High School. Before you audition, I want to make sure you get acquainted with the ministry and expectations of being a member of the Croixaliers. This packet serves as the informational and audition resource packet. Please read through all of the materials and have your parents or guardians sign and return the required portions.

Purpose of the Croixaliers

The purpose of the Croixaliers is to serve the greater St. Croix Lutheran High School family (association and supporting congregations) with the Gospel through music. The Croixaliers assist in edifying church services by traveling to churches and presenting a full service (music, sermon, presentation, etc.). This service (The Croixaliers Tour of Praise) will contain clear law and gospel.

All students, who audition for the Croixaliers, need to understand this purpose and the underlying doctrinal foundation in order to accomplish this purpose. Non-confirmed WELS/ELS students are asked to complete an interview with Pastor Leach and/or Mr. Russ before auditioning, in order to clarify the general purpose of the Croixaliers.

Students, who audition for the Croixaliers, need to understand the essence of the Croixaliers ministry occurs on Sunday mornings (sometimes very early), as we travel to churches to present our Sunday Service *Tour of Praise*. Carefully planning your Saturday evening activities so you have energy and a voice for Sunday's service is very important. On occasion, be it a rare occasion, we may be staying overnight at the location of church to accommodate the early church services and long travel distance. You will be notified in advance.

Eligibility

All St. Croix Lutheran High School students are eligible to audition for the Croixaliers, regardless of church membership. You are singing under the auspice St. Croix Lutheran High School. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact Mr. Russ or Mr. Richard Gibson. If you are not a confirmed WELS/ELS member, you must setup an interview with Pastor Leach before you sign up to audition. The purpose of this interview is to clarify the purpose and ministry of the Croixaliers and to make sure the Croixaliers is a good match for you.

All students, who wish to audition, **MUST** be academically eligible for extra curricular activities. Please note auditionees may not be on academic probation. You must also maintain your academic eligibility throughout the year. In addition to possessing solid academic integrity, you must also be in good standing with the faculty and the Dean of Students. Students, who regularly are in detention or find themselves in violation of the student handbook (as determined by the Dean of Students), are ineligible for membership in the Croixaliers.

For other eligibility concerns, please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook.

Rehearsal Etiquette

Members of the Croixaliers are expected to be at rehearsals. The unified sound comes from continual and purposeful rehearsal time. Rehearsals will generally be held on Mondays from 6:00 – 7:30 PM and Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 AM. Please understand rehearsal times may have to change (lengthen) during busy times (such as Choral Fest). Mr. Pufahl will announce these changes.

If you are late or absent to a rehearsal, you need to have a note from your parents explaining why you were late or absent. Please tend to this in a timely manner. Mr. Pufahl asks every member to be on time for rehearsals and to use the time productively.

Uniform and Personal Appearance

The Croixaliers are the Ambassadors of St. Croix Lutheran High School. In practical terms this means members of the Croixaliers represent the whole school, its mission and ministry in a very real way. People will associate their experience (positive or negative) with the overall definitions of St. Croix Lutheran High School. The Croixaliers take that potential image very seriously because we do not want to become obstacles, which would prohibit the Gospel reaching others, whether on that particular Sunday or as a future SCLHS student. You will be asked to purchase all or a portion of your outfit for the year. Then, you will be responsible for keeping that outfit (and accessories) in excellent shape. All hair must be properly kempt to promote and overall sharp image. Ladies are allowed 1 set of earrings. Boys are not allowed to wear any earrings...period!

Financial Items

St. Croix Lutheran High School values the opportunities to travel and join various other groups in performing quality literature.

The Music Department, the Administration, the Mission Advancement Office and the Music Parents Organization (MPO) are working to reduce the cost of these trips and minimize the cost to the student. Please realize cost will be incurred by the students. Students are required to purchase their uniform.

Procedure

The general audition procedure is as follows:

1. Students pick up audition packet
2. Students review it with parents or guardians. Parents or guardians must sign the audition packet to proceed to the next steps
3. Non-WELS/ELS students schedule interview with Pastor Leach.
4. Approved non-WELS/ELS and all WELS/ELS students select audition time.
5. **Auditions: Dates/time slots will be available after Spring Break 2017.**
6. Results are given to the Administration for approval.
7. Adjustments, if needed, are made. Results are resubmitted to Administration
8. Approved results are posted for students

Questions, Comments, or Concerns

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you might have. I may be reached at casey.pufahl@mysclutheran.org

Letter of Recommendation (Required for new Croixaliers auditionees)

I am requiring a letter of recommendation from a teacher or a pastor. Please include descriptions of personal characteristics of the auditionee, which would make him/her a great choice for the Croixaliers. This letter is not required for returning Croixaliers.

Sincerely,

Casey Pufahl, MAEd
Director

Parent or Guardian Signature Sheet

(If viewing online, you may print this sheet separately by clicking on the Parent / Guardian Signature Sheet tab.)

I, (name of the parent or guardian) _____ have
read through the Croixaliers Audition Cover Letter with my student _____.

We understand the unique ministry of the Croixaliers. We support the guidelines and
audition procedure outlined in the cover letter, as well as the rehearsal times and public
performance times. We will support the work of the Croixaliers as best as we are able.

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (print please) _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Date _____

NAME OF STUDENT (print please) _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

Date _____

Please return this sheet to Mr. Pufahl at the time of your audition.

Auditions

Important Note: If you are not confirmed WELS/ELS, please make sure your interview with Pastor Leach is completed before your audition.

There are a few parts to the audition.

- TWO SOLOS – I need to get an idea of what your voice timbre or tone quality and breath-support. Please prepare a solo from one of the following hymns from Christian Worship:
 - 23
 - 46
 - 206
 - 214
 - 215
 - 247
 - 266
 - 337
 - 344
- You should prepare one additional piece (choir piece, favorite song or another hymn) that gives Mr. Pufahl a clear picture of your voice capabilities.
- Rhythmic memory section
- Rhythm sight reading section
- Tonal Memory Activity
- There is not a dancing portion to the audition this year.
- There is not a quartet portion of the audition this year.

Materials you will need to bring with you to the audition:

1. Signed and dated Parents and Guardians Signature Sheet
2. Hymnal - to sing your solo
3. Second Solo – may be a different hymn
4. Letter of recommendation from teacher or pastor (for new auditionees)

You can expect to see Mr. Pufahl and at least 1 or 2 other music faculty or adjunct music faculty members at your audition. No other students (are allowed in the room. We want you to do your best; this is **NOT** the SCLHS version of American Idol.

The audition should last about 10 minutes and will be held in the chapel, music room or other room if need be.

The results of the auditions will be posted in a timely manner (please refer the procedure). Please understand there are necessary steps to ensure all students are eligible for the Croixaliers.

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