

# FDC Parent Info

What you need to know about Friend de Coup...

## Auditions:

- ❖ **Friday, September 11, 4:00-8:00 PM**  
(check-in starts at 3:30pm)
  - Students who are in grades 9–12 during the 2020-2021 school year AND enrolled in choir are eligible to audition. Audition songs come from the PML on the kernelchoirs.com website. Accompaniment is posted on the website as well and students will sing with this for auditions. Students will sing in front of all auditionees and judges in the choir room. Then students will move to the stage to perform the dance that they learned on Sept. 8/10. Students will be broken into groups of 4 or 5 and perform the dance 3 or 4 times for the judges. You must stay for the entire allotted amount of time. If you are in a sport/ activity and have practice after school, you need to come to auditions as soon as possible and you will sing after dance auditions are finished.

## You Made It!

- **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:53pm** – Kids & Parents – MCTEA Commons

## Dates:

*\*Regular Rehearsals are M, T, Th from 6:53-9:30 PM unless otherwise noted.*

<b>OCTOBER</b>				
1	Thursday	6:53-9:00 PM	First FDC Rehearsal & Parent Meeting	TBA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
7	Saturday	TBA	FDC @ Casa's Got Talent	Corn Palace
13-14	Fri.-Sat.	TBA	FDC Retreat (Tech & Pit Included)	PAC
27-28	Fri.-Sat.	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreography w/ Stephen	PAC Stage
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
3-5	Thurs.-Sat.	TBA	Up With Show	PAC Stage
28	Monday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreo. w/ Stephen	PAC Stage
29	Tuesday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreo. w/ Stephen	PAC Stage
30	Wednesday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreo. w/ Stephen	PAC Stage
31	Thursday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreo. w/ Stephen	PAC Stage

<b>JANUARY</b>				
1	Friday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreo. w/ Stephen	PAC Stage
2	Saturday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Choreo. w/ Stephen	PAC Stage
16	Saturday	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	FDC Rehearsal	PAC Stage
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	FDC Community Show	PAC Stage
30	Saturday	TBA	Possible FDC Competition Weekend	TBA
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
6	Saturday	TBA	Possible FDC Competition Weekend	TBA
20	Saturday	TBA	Possible FDC Competition Weekend	TBA
27	Saturday	TBA	Possible FDC Competition Weekend	TBA
<b>MARCH</b>				
6	Saturday	TBA	Possible FDC Competition Weekend	TBA
13	Saturday	TBA	Possible FDC Competition Weekend	TBA
20	Saturday	TBA	Mitchell Show Choir Classic	PAC
TBA	TBA	TBA	FDC Elementary Tour	TBA
<b>APRIL</b>				
5	Monday	TBA	Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal	Corn Palace
6	Tuesday	TBA	Dinner Theater Performance #1	Corn Palace
7	Thursday	TBA	Dinner Theater Performance #2	Corn Palace
8	Friday	TBA	Dinner Theater Performance #3	Corn Palace
9	Saturday	TBA	Dinner Theater Performance #4	Corn Palace

### **Fundraising & Volunteering:**

- No Pay-to-Play
- Fundraising Requirement
- Events
  - Volunteer Requirement

### **Rehearsals:**

- Students must attend all rehearsals, unless they have a parent excuse or are sick from school that day.
- Extra Rehearsals are at the discretion of the director and are mandatory if the date is given at least 2 weeks in advance.

### **Absences:**

- If a student will be missing a rehearsal, the parent or student must email Mr. McGraw as soon as possible to let him know.
- 1 unexcused absence results in sitting out of an event.
- 2 unexcused absences results in removal from the ensemble. 3 tardies equals 1 unexcused absence. No exceptions. (An absence is considered to be missing more than 1/2 of a rehearsal/performance, a tardy is considered to be more than 3 minutes outside of start time.
- Missing a performance is only acceptable in emergency instances and a parent note must accompany the student at the next rehearsal.

### **Eligibility:**

- Mitchell High School applies academic eligibility rules to all extra-curricular activities, including show choir. If your child is academically ineligible at the time of a trip or performance, the student is not allowed to participate.
- Each performer must be currently enrolled in a curricular choral ensemble at MHS. Failure to do so will result in removal from Show Choir.

### **Communication:**

Mr. McGraw's Contact Info:  
[nick.mcgraw@k12.sd.us](mailto:nick.mcgraw@k12.sd.us)  
605-995-3044 (office)  
In-Person Meetings  
[www.kernelchoirs.com](http://www.kernelchoirs.com)



## *Attendance Addendum*

### Long-Term [Excused] Absence Policy:

When a student misses 10 rehearsals during the course of a season (October through April) and those absences are excused (bereavement, illness, behavior, etc.) it triggers the Long-Term Absence Policy.

Absence 1 – 9: Covered as part of our regular absence policy.

Absence 10: Triggers the Long-Term Absence Policy

Absence 11 & 12: Long Term Probation, conference with Mr. McGraw and parents

Absence 13: Student is removed from the ensemble. This is both for the benefit of ensemble as well as giving the absent student time to focus on school, health, discipline, etc.

**NOTE:** This includes all types of generally excused absences. Notes from the Doctor, Law Enforcement or School Officials will not change the triggering of the Policy.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The only potential exception to this policy would be considered activity/athletic absences through the High School or DWU.

**COMPETITIVE ABSENCES:** Missing a competition counts as 2 missed rehearsals. This is to ensure that the ensemble has a full roster of members whenever possible.

**PERFORMANCE ABSENCES:** Missing a non-competitive performance counts as 1 absence.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Friend de Coup Show Choir Audition/Participation Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student) understand the expectations involved with being a part of the Friend de Coup show choir and I will adhere to all schedules

and regulations related to it. I also understand that failure to be eligible or failure to attend rehearsals without parent consent will result in removal from the group at the director's discretion. A warning of impending removal will be given before removal is enacted if the removal is based on discipline. If the removal is eligibility related, no notice is necessary. The director reserves the right to remove a student at any time based on his discretion.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent), know that my student is auditioning for the Friend de Coup Show Choir. If chosen, they will be required to attend specified rehearsals and performances related to show choir. I realize that my student must be eligible to participate (see above) Also, any monetary or volunteer commitments must be met (in a given timeline). I understand that failure to do so will result in the student's removal from the group. See student information above.

Parent Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_