

Papillion La-Vista South Show Choir Handbook

2023-2024

Titanium

Radiance

Titan Express

Titan Revolution

Platinum

Leadership Team:

Director: Scott Dugdale

Director and Band: Brian Johnson

Accompanist: Anne Smith

Choreographer: Jarrod Voss – Indianapolis, IN

Choreographer – Tori Burns – Los Angeles, CA

Costumer: Gail McInnis Productions – Hattiesburg, Mississippi

2023-2024
Papillion – La Vista South
-Show Choir Auditions-

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2023-2024 PLV South Show Choirs. It is with a great amount of anticipation and excitement that we embrace your interest in our show choir program. We will do everything necessary to inform you of our expectations prior to and during the audition process and will provide additional information if you are chosen. Please be reminded, once selected, your participation is a privilege and not a right. Show choir members are held to high expectations throughout the year, in and outside of school. This includes your academics, behavior, and class attitude.

Papillion La-Vista South SHOW CHOIR CONSTITUTION

1 PURPOSE:

1.1 It shall be the purpose of the Papillion LaVista South Show Choirs to promote and develop top quality musicianship and choreographic movement; to instill confidence in its members; to teach responsibility, time management and organization; and to serve as ambassadors to the school, community, and state.

2 ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 A candidate for the PLV South Show Choir program must be a full-time choral member of PLV South High School.

2.2 Candidates shall be accepted based on trust in the student's willingness to meet the demands of show choir participation, vocal ability, coordination of movement, the director's agreement, acceptance of show choir rules, and without prejudice of race, creed, color, or religion.

3 MEMBERSHIPS:

3.1 The PLV South Show Choirs shall consist of no more than 58 singers per choir. Additional members may be admitted and allowed to fill vacant ensemble positions after auditions have been held due to the following conditions: student vacancies in the group, students who move to PLV South after auditions have been held, and foreign exchange students who meet the criteria for participation.

3.2 Offered Ensembles

Titanium is a 10-12 Mixed Varsity group

Radiance is a 10-12 Women's group

Titan Express is a 9-12 Mixed Prep group

Titan Revolution is a 9-12 Mixed Prep group (only if numbers allow)

**all group membership is dependent on audition numbers.

3.3 The entire group will participate at their scheduled concerts, competitions, fundraisers, and community events for which advance notice of at least 2 weeks has been given.

3.4 Students will learn of their acceptance into the groups on April 6th, 2023, posted on the PLSHS show choir website: <https://plsouthshowchoirs.yolasite.com> and can be found under the "Auditions" tab.

4 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 All Show Choir members will attend all practices and competitions or events, unless pre-approved by the director. Unexcused absences of 5 or more rehearsals, practices, concerts, and/or performances will result in probation of the student. During probation the student will be allowed to rehearse but not perform with the group. The probation will last no more than four weeks. If the student has an unexcused absence from a rehearsal, practice, concert, and/or performance while on probation, they will be removed from the group.

4.2 Students missing a dress rehearsal before a competition will not be allowed to participate in the upcoming competition. However, they are expected to travel with the group and support all ensembles. Each situation will be evaluated by all directors.

4.3 Summer or Fall PL South Choreography Camps: All show choir members are required to attend. Students must make their families aware of choreography sessions to assist with planning of vacations, trips, and other family events. Information regarding rehearsals and choreography sessions will be made well in advance.

4.4 Competitions: All show choir members are required to attend competitions in which their group is competing. Show Choir is a group activity and when one person is missing, the entire group is affected.

4.5 Social Activities: All show choir members are strongly encouraged to attend social activities scheduled for the group(s).

4.6 In the event of illness, parents should contact the director by phone or email within 24 hours of the missed rehearsal. After that time, the absence will be considered unexcused. Parents can email the directors of the absence.

4.7 Outside Performances: All show choir members are expected to participate in outside of school performances. Reasonable notice of all such events will be given for mandatory events, and as early as possible for others (2 weeks' notice is standard practice).

5 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

5.1 **All participants must pay a fee to participate in show choir. Cost to Participate: \$650
Students who receive assistance from the district will need to pay a reduced rate of ½ (\$325) of the original fees (\$650).

5.2 Outside Summer and/or Fall Choreography/Music Camps: While these camps are not mandatory, they are however strongly encouraged. The show choir member will be responsible for the cost of attending.

5.3 Food/Meals: Students are responsible for their own meals and beverages on trips and at competitions.

5.4 Students who withdraw from participation from the group mid-year will still be responsible for covering their portion of the costs to be in the group (the FULL amount).

5.5 Students receiving assistance from the PLV District who withdraw from participation from the group mid-year will be responsible for repaying the district in full.

5.6 Students who participate in show choir will pay a **\$70 school activity fee** paid directly to the Activities Office.

5.7 T-shirts or sweatshirts will be purchased for rehearsal purposes. One t-shirt will be purchased by the program and one t-shirt will be purchased by the student.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

First Day of School: \$200 due

September 15, 2023: \$200 due

October 15, 2023: \$200 due

November 15, 2023: Final Payment of \$50 due

All students MUST be paid in full by January.

***Payments can be given to Mrs. Anne Smith in the choir office. Checks should be made payable to PLV South High School. Credit and Debit card payments can be made at Titan Town.**

6 TRYOUTS:

6.1 Tryouts will be held on April 1st. Audition prep class will be held on March 27th – March 31st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the PLS Flex Space.

6.2 A tryout will consist of the following: demonstration of singing ability and coordinated movement. Other teachers or educators may be present during auditions to assist with casting of the ensembles. The director will make a final decision.

6.3 The format of the tryouts will be in two parts. First, “My Country Tis of Thee” in an appropriate key a cappella. The second part of the audition will be the choreographed part. Each candidate will prepare the audition material song and dance with a partner. Tryouts will be held in a fair and open manner conducive to allowing each candidate to show his/her best abilities and potential. Auditions are closed to the public and 3 to 5 outside judges will be brought in to adjudicate the auditions.

6.4 Auditions: Saturday, April 1st, 2023.

Learn Music and Choreography at the Audition Clinic on Monday, March 27th to Friday, March 31st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Singers may work before school, after school and over their lunch hour in the choir room. Anyone not working, causing a disruption or showing poor judgment in behavior and or language, will be sent back to the cafeteria, classroom or principal.

Auditions Times: (For Saturday, April 1st Auditions)

You will be required to sign up with a partner that is of a different voicing than you. We will be using SignUpGenius.com to schedule all auditions. The web address will be given during the week of audition prep classes. If you do not have a partner, do not panic. We will find one for you!

Audition Dress:

Men: Dress Pants, Ironed Shirt, Tie, Dress Shoes, clean-shaven and hair styled.

Women: Dress, shoes you can dance in, full hair fixed up and make-up.

Audition Material:

My Country Tis of Thee (a cappella): Alto/Bass = Key of F & Soprano/Tenor = Key of Bb

Required Audition Song

Required Choreography

Auditions are CLOSED. Judges: 3 to 5 music professionals

6.5 Acceptance will **only** be posted on the show choir website found at:

<https://plsouthshowchoirs.yolasite.com> and can be found under the “Auditions” tab.

Mr. Dugdale and Mr. Johnson do not post and run! We will be in the choir office on April 6th until 4:30 PM if the student needs to talk on posting day.

7 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

7.1 A typical week rehearsal schedule is two days per week.

- Titanium: Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.
- Radiance: Tuesday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM and Thursday 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM.
- Titan Express and Titan Revolution will rehearse from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM two/three times a week and one day after school from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Additional practices may be called on Saturdays or Sundays. Advance notice will be given of these rehearsals. *Rehearsal schedule may vary for 2023-24.

7.2 Students involved in another activity should inform both directors/coaches of conflicts and work out a compromise. Students should not expect directors to work it out among themselves. It is the student's responsibility to come up with a solution, present the solution to both directors, and then implement the plan. If the student is unable to work out a compromise, the sponsors will work it out.

7.3 All show choir members are required to attend all rehearsals. Parental permission in the form of a signed note or phone call will be required to miss a rehearsal. Notes or phone calls received the day of a rehearsal will be unexcused except in the case of an emergency. Students must make the director aware of conflicts no less than 24 hours in advance. Refer to Attendance Requirements.

7.4 Health: Students participating in Titan Revolution, Titan Express, Titan Radiance or Titanium must be in good mental and physical health. If there are any medical or mental issues which may hinder the successful participation of a singer while working in the group setting, it is important that Mr. Dugdale and Mr. Johnson are made aware of these conditions prior to the audition process. Be reminded: These groups perform at a high intensity with rigorous rehearsals, members work closely with a group of peers and instructors, and there are high expectations in singing, performance, and getting along.

7.5 Conditioning: In order to prepare for the competition season, members must be prepared to condition during rehearsals. Conditioning will include (but not be limited to) stretching, running, push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks etc. Students are not allowed to skip this portion of a rehearsal unless they have a note from a physician requesting them to do so. Students will always be encouraged to bring water bottles with them to rehearsals so they will stay hydrated at all times.

8 UNIFORMS AND PRACTICE WEAR:

8.1 Show choir members will be responsible for purchasing a costume/uniform. The director will work with a costume/show designer in this area. The director will make the final decision on all uniforms/costume changes worn by each group.

8.2 While in uniform, members must refrain from eating and drinking food of any kind.

8.3 Members must be in either FULL uniform or in street clothes.

8.4 It is the responsibility of each member to put their uniforms in their garment bags. Uniforms need to be hung up properly to avoid wrinkles and creases. It is also the responsibility of the member to properly clean their costume/uniform.

8.5 If a costume/uniform is damaged, the show choir member will assume the replacement cost of each garment. Students will pay for additional earrings, tights, ties and anything other replacements of their costume.

8.6 Show choir members in costumes/uniforms and other PLV South apparel are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Members are representatives of themselves, PLV South High School, PLC Schools, the cities of Papillion and La Vista, and the state of Nebraska.

9 APPEARANCE:

9.1 Members should strive for a 'uniform' and neat appearance.

9.2 Costumes/Uniforms should be kept clean and stored properly between performances.

9.3 Makeup for performances will be 'uniform.' For hygienic reasons, each female performer will be asked to purchase a specific brand/shade of makeup.

9.4 A hairstyle will be chosen for the female members of the PLV South show choir. Hair for men and women will be of natural color and complement the skin color. Unnatural highlights whether seen or not seen are not allowed. Each performer is responsible for keeping their hair neat and secured up and out of the face. For male participants, hair must be out of the member's eyes and styled in a neat clean look. The hair should not need attention or draw negative attention during a performance. Use of hair care products may be necessary. In some cases, a haircut or trim may be necessary. Male participants will also be clean-shaven.

9.5 All piercings other than the uniformed earrings for the women will be removed (a spacer can be used to keep the hole from closing while on stage for male and female performers).

9.6 Tattoos will be covered and should not be seen by the audience. Members with tattoos may be asked to purchase makeup coverage or bandage.

10 CONDUCT:

10.1 Show choir members are expected to uphold ALL PLV South school rules and policies. While participating both on and off campus.

10.2 Members are to refrain from 'inappropriate' behavior while waiting to perform or sitting in a common area at competitions. No vulgar language or inappropriate displays of affection will be allowed.

10.3 In the event of an overnight road trip, all male students are prohibited from entering female hotel rooms and all female students are prohibited from entering male hotel rooms. Members who violate this rule will be confined to their hotel room, not allowed to participate in the performance, and may be removed from the group.

10.4 Show choir members are expected to follow group itineraries while on trips or competition excursions. They are also expected to dress appropriately for competitions. No sweats, pajamas or inappropriate clothing or footwear will be permitted.

11 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:

11.1 Show choir members will be subject to periodic grade checks. All show choir members must be passing **ALL** classes they are currently enrolled in order to participate. A show choir member may be suspended from rehearsals and/or performances if there are academic issues.

12 DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

12.1 Show choir members who act in violation of the rules and regulations of the ensemble will be subject to disciplinary action. The student will first meet with the director in an attempt to resolve disciplinary issues. Parents will be notified of any issues in the classroom. If the problems persist, the performer will be placed on probation. Members on probation will not be allowed to perform but will be expected to continue with rehearsals in the hope that they can rejoin the group's performance schedule. If a member continues to disregard rules and regulations while on probation, the member will be removed from the ensemble.

12.2 A show choir member may be suspended from performances for the following reasons:

- *5 unexcused absences from rehearsals, concerts, or performances;
- tardiness (3 or more times)
- *non-compliance with rules and regulations of the ensemble, failure to cooperate with the director
- *failure to cooperate with other members of the ensemble
- *the reckless use of social media to speak badly about people within the groups, directors, or other show choir groups.

12.3 A show choir member may be dismissed from the ensemble for the following:

- *Consistent and excessive disruptive conduct (both in rehearsal and/or performance)
- *use of drugs and/or alcohol (including tobacco products)
- *the reckless use of social media to speak badly about people within the groups, directors, or other show choir groups.
- *and ANY action that reflects negatively on the show choir and/or the school.

Show Choir Participant Costs

The cost of participating in a show choir is considerable and must be considered before tryouts. Parents of students who may require financial assistance should contact the director prior to auditioning. All financial assistance information is kept completely confidential.

Below are the costs involved with participation in the show choir program. All show choir fees must be paid in full by January and in order to perform.

COSTUMES: EXAMPLE

*Girls: Earrings, Dance Shoes, Leotard, Tights and Dress

*Guys: Suit Jacket, Pants, Shirt, Tie, and Dance Shoes

Grand Total: \$650.00 per student

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

First Day of School: \$200 due

September 15, 2023: \$200 due

October 15, 2023: \$200 due

November 15, 2023: Final Payment of \$50 due

All students MUST be paid in full by January.

You may pay all or half at one time or follow the payment schedule above. Your account must be paid in full by January.

Students' Out of Pocket Costs: (not included in \$650.00 fee)

PLSHS Activity Fee of \$70 paid directly to the Activities Office.

Proper undergarments for ladies

Proper undergarments for men

Ladies' 2nd pair of dance tights

Travel money for snacks and meals during "Competition Saturdays"

One weekend overnight stays for an out of state competition (no more than \$200 per student)

Parents will be called upon to volunteer in providing snacks for rehearsals, or water and snacks for the famous "snack bags" given to the singers the morning they leave for competitions.

Payments can be given to Mrs. Anne Smith in the choir office. Checks should be made payable to PLV South High School. Credit and Debit card payments can be made at Titan Town.

Show Choir Year At-A-Glance

April 6th, 2023

Announcement of membership – announcement will be posted on the show choir website:
www.plsouthshowchoirs.yolasite.com.

August 2023

August #1 payment - \$200.00 Due Aug. 15th

August 12th – Express and Radiance Bonding (all day)

August 19th – Titanium Bonding (all day)

Rehearsals Begin

September 2023

September #2 Payment \$200.00

Rehearsals

October 2023

October #3 payment - \$200.00

October 8-10 & 22-24 Choreography all three groups with Jarad and Tori (Schedule TBD)

Rehearsals

November 2023

November #3 payment - \$50.00

Rehearsals

December 2023

Rehearsals

December 7th Show Choir Picture Night @ 5:00 PM

January 2024

Rehearsals

January 9th Show Choir Debut @ 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM

January 13th "Ready for Primetime" Gretna HS, NE

January 20th "Music Lives" Millard West

January 27th "Competition of Excellence" Westside (possibly)

February 2024

February 2nd & 3rd South Titan Classic @ PLS

February 10th "Crystal Cup" Elkhorn South HS, NE

February 24th "Fields of Talent" Norris, NE

February 29th Show Choir Finale 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM

March 2024

March 2nd "Clash of the Titans" Council Bluffs, IA

April 2024

Show Choir Prep Classes April 1st – April 5th

Show Choir Auditions: April 6th

**ANNOUNCING:
AUDITIONS FOR THE AWARD-WINNING
Papillion La Vista South High School
SHOW CHOIRS
FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Any PLV South High School student, who will be in grades 9-12, is eligible to audition. Those students selected for a show choir must also be enrolled in the Vocal Music program at PLV South High School next year. Spaces are filled on the basis of vocal talent and movement/performance skills.

The audition will consist of:

- 1.) Singing "My Country Tis of Thee" without accompaniment in the key of your choice.
- 2.) Singing and dancing the required song.
- 3.) Permission to Audition form is required to be on file for each student before the April 1st audition. Form can be found here: [Permission to Audition](#) (insert link)

Students will audition in pairs but must perform "My Country Tis of Thee" alone.

There will be a panel of three to five judges for the auditions and their decision will be final.

**Audition Clinic to Learn the Required Song and Choreography:
Monday, March 27th to Friday, March 31st – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Parent Informational Meeting, Tuesday, March 28th @ 6 PM in the PLS Cafeteria**

The audition choreography will be made available online.

Rehearsal sessions will take place in the Flex Space at PLV South High School. Students need to attend as many rehearsal sessions as necessary to learn the audition material. Attendance will not be taken.

Final Audition for Placements: Saturday, April 1st

A signup sheet will be created through [SignupGenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) for students to select a specific time slot with their partner, beginning at 8:00 AM and continuing until all have been heard. We will try to accommodate as many special requests as possible. Auditions are CLOSED to spectators and will take place in the Vocal Music Room at PLV South High School.

Only students wearing a dress will be measured for costumes before they audition.

Announcement of groups will be on April 6th, 2023, and will be uploaded online at PLS Show Choirs' website @ 3:30 PM. (<https://plssouthshowchoirs.yolasite.com>)

Show Choir Auditions 2023-2024

Name _____ Grade Next Year _____ Preferred Voice Part: _____

My Country 'Tis of Thee (sung in the key of A/B = Key of F & S/T = Key of Bb)

Consider:

Tone Quality	1 2 3 4 5
Intonation	1 2 3 4 5
Phrasing (breath)	1 2 3 4 5
Expression (diction)	1 2 3 4 5
Confidence (projection)	1 2 3 4 5

_____ (25 pts. possible)

Higher the score the better: 5-Superior; 4-Excellent; 3-Good; 2-Fair; 1-Needs Improvement

VOCAL

Consider:

Tone Quality	1 2 3 4 5
Intonation	1 2 3 4 5
Phrasing (breath)	1 2 3 4 5
Expression (diction)	1 2 3 4 5
Confidence (projection)	1 2 3 4 5

_____ (25 pts. possible)

Higher the score the better: 5-Superior; 4-Excellent; 3-Good; 2-Fair; 1-Needs Improvement

MOVEMENT

Consider:

Precision of choreography	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Memorization of choreography	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Facial Expression	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Poise	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Showmanship	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

_____ (50 pts. possible)

Higher the score the better: 10-Superior; 8-Excellent; 6-Good; 4-Fair; 2-Needs Improvement

TOTAL SCORE _____ (100 pts. possible)

**PLV South Show Choir
PERMISSION TO AUDITION**

This will be done online again this year.

Student's Name _____

Auditions for the 2023-2024 PLV South High School Show Choirs will be held on Saturday, April 1st. All students must have this form on file by the audition date. Please read through the information carefully and sign at the bottom.

Be sure you are willing to participate. If you are selected and then decide you are not interested, it is very unfair to other students wanting to be in a group.

Those students auditioning for show choir need to commit to our competition dates when they are given in the fall. Every effort will be made to coordinate with school athletic and activity schedules. However, this may not always be possible. We are looking for students who can be fully committed to the show choir program. Participation in community-theater, private vocal lessons and dance competitions often conflicts with our show choir schedule. Because show choir is a group activity, our whole show suffers when students are missing. In any event, absences from competition must be arranged well in advance. PLV South Show Choirs also have many obligations on the weekend and evenings. Students will always be informed well in advance of these commitments.

Financial Information: Show choir outfits are selected by the director and financed through budget and participant fees. ****All participants must pay \$650 to participate in a show choir.** Those students receiving assistance from the district will pay a reduced fee (1/2 - \$325) of the original fee. An extended payment plan will be put into place to help those students who need extra time to pay off the show choir fees. We want this experience to be available to all students. **Students' fees MUST be paid in full by January.**

Final selection of groups depends on the ability to be scheduled. Schedules may need to be adjusted to accommodate choir. All show choir members must also be enrolled in the Vocal Music program at PLV South High School.

I have read this information and give _____ permission to audition for show choir at PLV South High School. I understand all expectations (financial and behavioral) and time commitments and give full parental support. **I also agree to accept the judge's decision as final.**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (please print clearly)

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____