

# CHORAL MUSIC NEW TRIER

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## CHORAL MUSIC AND MUSICAL THEATRE AT NEW TRIER

Freshman chorus is the foundation for all of New Trier's choral offerings. Freshman Boys' and Girls' Chorus are the first in the choral music sequence, which will prepare you for the advanced coursework in vocal jazz, traditional choral, and musical theatre. Choir-Opera is the class that presents the fully staged junior/senior musical in conjunction with the Chamber Orchestra. Past productions include *Legally Blonde*, *The Addams Family*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Les Miserables*, *Sweeney Todd* and *West Side Story*.



Placement into the Choir-Opera musical is based on participation in freshman and sophomore choral classes. Students must complete these courses and/or successfully audition to be in Choir-Opera.

Extracurricular opportunities include the Freshman-Sophomore Musical Workshop with past productions including *Footloose*, *Bring It On*, *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* and *Urinetown*. Lagniappe-Potpourri, now in its 74<sup>th</sup> year, is the student written and produced musical performed each fall.



**Your Academic Life Packet includes . . .**

The *Program of Studies* – see page 93 for more information about the Music Department including a full list of class descriptions; *All About Electives* – *Frequently Asked Questions*

### Learn more about our department

[www.newtrier.k12.il.us/music/](http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/music/)

Make sure you click on the link that you are interested in – Choirs, Jazz, Orchestras, and Wind Ensembles.

### If you have questions please be in touch...

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