

SMARTMUSIC SUBSCRIPTIONS

SmartMusic is the latest technology in music education. We use the program for assessment and practice in the choir room; it is quite helpful in giving instant feedback and making practicing more productive. Assignments can be completed at home, practice records can be tracked, feedback from the computer and from the teacher can be given in a timely manner, and students have access to tons of melodic and rhythmic exercises to practice at home and improve their musical skills. In addition to exercises, the SmartMusic program contains a variety of accompaniments for vocal solo pieces perfect for honor choir auditions, vocal competitions, and individual study.

A home subscription is **NOT** required for any student. However, we are hopeful that all students will benefit from it and find it useful. Weekly assignments, including practice, are more easily completed at home.

Students who do not have a computer at home or with a home computer that does not meet the minimum requirements can always use the computers in the practice rooms at school for their SmartMusic homework assignments. Practice room computers are available before school, during lunch, and after school by appointment.

Student subscriptions are a \$40 donation per pupil. With a home subscription, your student will be able to practice at home and submit assignments *if they have a computer that meets the minimum system requirements* (see requirements on next page.). Again, practice room computers can be used for the students' SmartMusic homework assignments with some advance planning. Some subscriptions may be provided through Steering Committee fundraising efforts in the case of financial need.

Please fill out the census on the next page and turn it in ASAP.

System requirements:

Windows[®]

Microsoft[®] Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista[®] Service Pack 2, or Windows XP[®] Service Pack 3 Internet access required AMD Athlon 64 or Intel Pentium IV processor required. Some features may require a faster processor. Minimum monitor resolution of 1024×768 1 GB or more of RAM 32 or 64 bit compatible DirectX 10 (or newer) compatible sound card Microphone required (SmartMusic USB Microphone recommended; 3rd party microphones, including built-in computer microphones, are not supported in SmartMusic) 1 GB available disk space, plus downloaded music will require additional storage space. Headphones and speakers required.

Macintosh[®]

Mac OS[®] X 10.7 (Lion), 10.8 (Mountain Lion) and 10.9 (Mavericks) Internet access required 2GHz Intel Core Duo[™] processor or faster. Minimum monitor resolution of 1024×768 1 GB or more of RAM USB microphone required (SmartMusic USB Microphone recommended; 3rd party microphones, including built-in computer microphones, are not supported in SmartMusic) 1 GB available disk space, plus downloaded music will require additional storage space. Headphones and speakers required.

According to SmartMusic specs, a special external microphone and head-set are “required” for optimal recording. However, built in mics on the computer and ear buds will work and have proven sufficient.

Student

Name _____

Student Email _____

Choir (circle): **Men’s Chorus, Madrigal Ensemble, Chamber Singers, Women’s Chorus, High School Chorale**

Check all applicable boxes and return to Mr. Huls by Monday, Sept. 11, 2015.

_____ Our computer does not meet minimum system requirements or, my son/daughter does not have access to a computer at home. We will use the computers provided in the music practice rooms.

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$40 (payable to SMAPA/Samohi Vocal Music) for a home subscription for one full year.

_____ I would also love to offset the cost of providing this opportunity for another student. Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$_____.

_____ I would like to have my child be considered for a SmartMusic scholarship. I have filled out the SmartMusic scholarship application available on the samohichoir.org website (coming soon).

Please return this form with the appropriate responses by **September 11, 2015.**