

## ***SJC School Choir 2018***

### Procedures:

- Choir meets Fridays at lunch in the Multipurpose Room. Rehearsal is mandatory. Absences from school due to illness are excused. Due to lunch conflicts on Fridays, students must choose between being in the tech challenge or school choir.
- Bring your lunch to the MPR. We'll eat while business items are discussed. Find a seat, start eating, and sit in your vocal section. Gr. 4 members sit on mats. Gr 5 and up sit in chairs.
- Use the sign in sheet to let me know you are there. Having multiple unexcused absences will result in you being dropped from choir. Please SIGN IN!
- Bring your choir folder, pencil, and sheet music to rehearsal. Be academically prepared!
- 5th grade choir members are to change into their PE Uniforms *before* choir begins.
- Everyone cleans up their own mess and puts away their own chair. At each rehearsal, members from one grade will be assigned "clean up" duty to help Mrs. B with trash, sweeping, chairs, etc.

### Calendar of Rehearsals:

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Choir forms are due in to the school office. First rehearsal!

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - No rehearsal - School holiday

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - No rehearsal - Mrs. B out of town

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

March 23<sup>rd</sup> (*Music must be memorized by 3/23*). No rehearsal March 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vacation

\*Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - No rehearsal on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Talent Show

\*Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - lunchtime rehearsal on *Monday*

\*Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - rehearsal at MORNING RECESS; Depart for Choral Festival at 11:50am

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Choir cookie celebration at lunch; 8th grade graduation choir begins

Fridays in May - 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir members rehearse for Graduation

### Expectations:

- Be attentive and respectful of my time. Choir time is not social hour. If I am not working with your section, or your section is not singing, you are to be *silent* and be *listening*. If you are **excessively disruptive you will be dropped from choir**.
- Learn your music. Once we've rehearsed something, the next time we sing it, I expect you to have already learned it. Audio practice files will also be posted for you to download on SchoolSpeak in the SJC Choir group.
- All music we perform must be memorized.

Choir members have a specific uniform to wear when performing. We are graded on presentation.

**Both boys and girls:** SJC Navy Choir T-Shirt (provided by school; also is accepted for spirit t-shirt days), blue school sweatshirt (depending on the weather on performance day)

**Boys:** Pressed uniform pants, dark belt, dark socks, dress shoes (in black, navy, or brown - *no athletic shoes*.)

**Girls:** Pressed uniform skirt, white knee-high socks or white tights, flat-heeled dress shoes (in black, navy, or brown - *no athletic shoes*.)

Hair: The only acceptable hair accessories allowed to be worn in your hair on performance days must either 1. Closely match the color of your hair or 2. Be a school plaid hair accessory.

### Sample rehearsal format:

12:30 Sign in, find seat, eat your lunch. Recycle and clean up your area as soon as you are done eating.

12:40 Vocal Warm Ups

12:45 Specific piece rehearsal, work through parts, blend, musicality, etc.

1:10 Clean up and dismissal

***Work hard, know your part, sing out, smile, and just love singing and performing! - Mrs. Belloni***

## ***SJC School Choir Registration Form - Please return to the school office by Fri. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018***

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, is interested in being a member of the SJC School Choir.

This is a special, service-based choir composed of 4th - 8th grade students who will represent our school by performing at the **Annual Diocesan Choral Festival on Tuesday, April 17, 2018**. The school choir offers students the opportunity to learn basic choral vocal technique in a group setting.

School choir will rehearse regularly during lunchtime on Fridays and may rehearse during morning recess. Choir members must be dedicated to the success of the group by regularly attending and actively participating in rehearsals, being punctual, staying focused during rehearsals, keeping/returning all music, and practicing their music at home. All pieces sung by this choir are to be memorized. Members who do not live up to these expectations will be dismissed from the group. **Because of our historically large numbers, the choir will also HEAVILY rely upon parent support to provide transportation to the Diocesan Choral Festival on the afternoon of Tues. April 17<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU for helping to drive.** Note: the festival is adjudicated – our performance and appearance are graded!

School choir members have specific uniform standards to wear when performing.

- **Both boys and girls:** SJC Navy Choir T-Shirt (provided by school; also is accepted for spirit t-shirt days), blue school sweatshirt (depending on the weather on performance days)
- **Boys:** Pressed uniform pants, brown/black/navy belt, dark socks, dress shoes (*no athletic shoes*)
- **Girls:** Pressed uniform skirt, white knee-high socks or tights, flat heeled dress shoes (black, blue or brown - *no athletic shoes*.)

School choir members are required to provide their own folder and pencil for choir use and must bring their music, folder, and pencil to every rehearsal. **BE ACADEMICALLY PREPARED!**

The SJC School Choir is scheduled to perform at:

The Diocesan Choral Festival

Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Afternoon Session (approximately 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Depart SJC at 11:50am.)

Sacred Heart School, Saratoga

Please discuss this commitment with your child to ensure they understand the expectations of being a school choir member. Please inform me of their interest in joining by completing this form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school office or email me at [kama.belloni@sjschool.org](mailto:kama.belloni@sjschool.org). Please return this form to the school office by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Best wishes,

*Kama Belloni*

\_\_\_ Yes, my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ in grade/s \_\_\_ wish/es to join the SJC School Choir and understands the expectations of membership outlined above.

\_\_\_ I will be able to be a parent chaperone/driver on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

\_\_\_ My child was in SJC School Choir last year and has a choir shirt that still fits.

\_\_\_ My child was in SJC School Choir last year but needs a larger choir shirt. Size needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please return shirts that are too small but in good condition to the school office.)

\_\_\_ My child will be new to choir this year and will need a shirt. Size needed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature