

SJC School Choir 2020

Procedures:

- Choir meets on Fridays and on a couple of Tuesdays at lunch in the Multipurpose Room. Rehearsal is mandatory. Absences from school due to illness are excused.
- Bring your lunch to the MPR. We'll eat while business items are discussed. Set up your own chair in your vocal section and start eating.
- 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 remember to SIGN IN!
- Choir members will need a pocket folder for choir. 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 after themselves. At each rehearsal, members from one grade will be assigned "clean up" duty to help Mrs. B with trash, sweeping, stacking chairs, etc.

Rehearsal Calendar:

Friday, January 31st - Choir forms are due in to the school office; First rehearsal!

Friday, February 7th

Friday, February 21st

Friday, February 28th

Friday, March 6th

Tuesday, March 17th

Tuesday, March 24th

Friday, April 3rd

Friday, April 24th

Monday, April 27th

Tuesday, April 28th - rehearsal at MORNING RECESS; Depart for Choral Festival at 11:50am

TBD - Choir cookie party celebration at lunch

Fridays in May - 8th grade graduation choir rehearses at lunch for Graduation song

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 the SJC Choir page on music.sjcschool.org and in the ParentSquare School 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)

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

Girls: Ironed uniform skirt, white knee-high socks/white tights, flat-heeled dress shoes (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 notes, parts, blend, phrasing, 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 - DUE IN to the school office by Fri. Jan 31st, 2020

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

This is a special, service-based choir composed of 5th - 8th grade students who will represent our school by performing at the **Annual Diocesan Choral Festival on Tuesday, April 28, 2020**. The school choir offers students the opportunity to learn basic choral vocal technique in a group ensemble setting.

School choir will rehearse during lunchtime on Fridays (with some Tuesdays) and with one morning recess rehearsal. 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 Choral Festival on the afternoon of Tues. April 28^h. THANK YOU for helping to drive.

Note: the festival is adjudicated – our performance and appearance are graded! Therefore, **School choir members have specific uniform standards to wear when performing:**

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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 28th, 2020 – 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. If you have any questions, please email me at kama.belloni@sjcschool.org.

Sign up by completing this form and returning to the school office by Friday, January 31st.

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 28, 2019.

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. PLEASE CIRCLE:
Size needed: YS 6/8 YM 10/12 YL 14/16 YXL 18/20 Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL
(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. PLEASE CIRCLE:

Size needed: YS 6/8 YM 10/12 YL 14/16 YXL 18/20 Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL

Parent Signature

Student Signature