

PINEWOOD CHOIR PACKET



2011-2012

Dear Choir Parent/Guardian:

I am pleased to have your child in choir this year. I believe that you and I are partners, working together toward a mutual goal which is to help mold healthy and well-rounded children. I love music, and believe that singing is one important way to build a strong child. I want to meet the parents of the singers. Please introduce yourself to me after a rehearsal or concert; you are important to your child, and to me.

I wish to share with you my goals and expectations. The goals of the choir are to study a variety of quality literature, learn performance skills, study choral score reading, improve vocal production and learn proper performance etiquette.

We already have an outline of a schedule for rehearsals and performances, so please read the dates listed on the attached page in this handbook, and put them on your family calendar.



We are collecting \$3.00 to cover transportation costs which will be added to the cost of the T-shirt. Limited scholarships are available for t-shirts.

I would like to communicate with you by e-mail instead of sending so many notes home. This will eliminate the "I lost it" syndrome and cut down on copying costs. I post hard copy notes outside the music room door if you do not have an email address. You or your child should check the box and I will try and notify the choir when important information needs to go home. If your child has a parent living at another address and would like to receive e-mails, please send that address to me also.

A FEW IMPORTANT FACTS FOR YOU:

- Our rehearsal time is very important. Please try to avoid scheduling any doctor, dentist, haircut or other appointments on choir days. When your child misses, both your child and the group suffers, and we do not progress as quickly. Weekly attendance is crucial and expected.
- Children who are frequently absent will be removed from membership, or may be denied performance privileges. It is not fair to the children who attend rehearsals regularly to allow the children who are frequently tardy or absent to perform.
- Each child may have as many as **3 excused absences (a note or voice mail from**

the parent/guardian is considered an excused absence). If a child receives any more than **2 unexcused absences (no note or voice mail)**, then he or she may be asked to give up their membership, and will lose their opportunity to attend our Michigan's Adventure trip at the end of the school year. A team is only as strong as its weakest member, and it takes the attendance of every member to make a choir team strong.

- Our choir shirts will be new this year and designed by Eagle Eye Graphics. They look so amazing on a black t-shirt with a green and white ink design. Our choir uniform consists of **nice blue jeans (no holes), gym shoes and a choir t-shirt.** Kids who make Honors Choir will wear black pants this year instead of jeans.
- Please return all choir permission slips as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. These slips are needed in order for your child to participate in choir.

I look forward to a great year with these wonderful kids...they are our future leaders! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 457-1407x2231.

One of the real benefits of directing the choir is being able to work with quality parents such as you; parents who see the value of participating in a special musical group. Thank you for encouraging your child in the area of vocal music. Here's to a wonderful musical year!

Musically Yours,

Grant Carmichael
music teacher/choir director
457-1407x2231



Pinewood Choir Dates

Students need to be picked-up from the Jr. High after Combined Choir Practices

If your child is a safety, he or she will need to find a sub for any date that is not at Pinewood



Day	Date	Description	Time	Where?
Thurs	Sept. 22	1st Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Thurs	Sept. 29	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Wed.	Oct. 5	Combined Choir Rehearsal -	3:45-5:15	Jr. High
Thurs.	Oct. 13	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Wed.	Oct. 19	Combined Choir Rehearsal -	3:45-5:15	Jr. High
Thurs	Oct. 27	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Wed.	Nov. 2	Service Concert - Pick-up students from Pinewood	3:45 - 5:30	Grand Rapids Home for Vets
Thurs	Nov. 10	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Thurs	Nov. 17	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Thurs.	Nov. 24	No Rehearsal! Happy T-Day		
Thurs	Nov. 29	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:35	Pinewood
Mon.	Dec. 5	Combined Choir Concert		HS Auditorium

The following dates are for 6th Grade Choir Students ONLY

Thurs.	Jan. 10	Rehearsal -	3:45 - 4:35	Pinewood
Thurs.	Jan. 17	Rehearsal -	3:45 - 4:35	Pinewood
Thurs.	Jan. 24	Rehearsal -	3:45 - 4:35	Pinewood
Tues.	Jan. 31	Vocal Blast 2012 Concert - 6th grade side-by-side with secondary choirs!	7pm	FairHaven Ministries

CHOIR TREATS

Dear Choir Parent/Guardian,

The choir kids are a hungry bunch at the end of the day, so we will have a treat sign up list that will be emailed as a google document this year. Google docs simplify life for both you and me, and if you don't already have a google account, they take only a few minutes to create.

Please volunteer to bring in treats on one of our rehearsal days that hasn't been filled yet, please see Mr. Carmichael or leave a voice mail stating that you would like to bring in choir treats for half of the choir. In total, our choir roster stands at 50 members.

You will be paired up with another parent who will bring the other half of the treats. Please make contact with the other parent so that you can coordinate the snack. You will both need to bring the same treat so that there will be no arguing over who gets what kind of treat. The treats need to be brought to the music room before or by noon on that rehearsal date. Treats can be as simple as 2 cookies each if small, a pre-packaged bag of chips, etc. No peanuts or peanut products due to singers with peanut allergies!



Thank you in advance for your help. We will make some phone calls or emails to fill up the treat sign up list if necessary. If you do not have email, I would be happy to add you to the electronic list! Please leave me a message and I will add your name to the desired date.

Musically Yours,

Grant Carmichael
Pinewood Music Teacher and Choir Director
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FUND RAISERS

WHITECAPS TICKET SALES

Why? - to raise money for new music textbooks, recordings, and supplemental materials AND to raise money for our Michigan's Adventure trip!

When? - TBA

How? - Order lots of tickets and we will receive a percentage of the ticket price back.

