

PINECONE CHOIR PACKET



2016-2017

Dear Choir Parent/Guardian:

I am pleased to have your child in choir this year. 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.

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 have a schedule outline 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 rehearse most Thursdays, and there are 2 Wednesday dates. **Please look at the dates carefully so that you and your child know when rehearsals will happen!**



Limited scholarships are available for t-shirts. T-shirt order forms will go home at the first practice. These will need to be returned by Thursday, October 13th. If you need a scholarship, please feel free to reach out via email (hflorian@jpsonline.org) or phone (ext. 2231)

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.

Also, if you are active on facebook please request to join our group! Search for **Pinewood Pinecone Choir** and it will pop up. I will be posting reminders about rehearsals and events, as well as sharing pictures from rehearsals and events. This is a CLOSED group so only members will be able to view it. You will need to request to join and I will add you!

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 **2 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.

- Choir is a great opportunity for all students at Pinewood, and we all need to feel safe and respected in order to make the best music possible. Though this is an after school, extracurricular activity, students are expected to follow all school rules. If students cannot follow our school rules during any choir event, they will receive a red ticket. **If a student receives two red tickets in a choir season, they will be asked to remit their choir membership.**
- Our choir shirts will be the same shirts as last year designed by Eagle Eye Graphics. The design is on the front cover of this packet! Our choir uniform consists of **nice blue jeans (no holes), gym shoes, a clean pair of socks - can be "crazy" or just plain, and a choir t-shirt.**
- 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.

We 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 457-8454x2231.

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,

Holly Florian
Pinecone Choir Director
457-8454x2231



Pinewood Pinecone 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. 29	1st Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs.	Oct. 6	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs.	Oct. 13	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs	Oct. 20	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Wed.	Oct. 26	Combined Choir Rehearsal -	3:45-5:15	Jr. High
Thurs	Nov. 3	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs	Nov. 10	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs	Nov. 17	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs.	Nov. 24	No Rehearsal! Thanksgiving Day		
Thurs	Dec. 1	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs	Dec. 8	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Thurs	Dec. 15	NO REHEARSAL		
Sat	Dec. 17	OPTIONAL - Choir sings National Anthem at GR DRIVE Basketball game!		DeltaPlex
Thurs	Jan. 12	Rehearsal -	3:45-4:45	Pinewood
Wed.	Feb. 1	Combined Rehearsal -	3:45-5:15	Junior High
Tues	Feb. 7	Festival of Voices -6:15pm concert Call time - TBA		JCA

CHOIR T-SHIRT & SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM



Choir Uniform: Choir t-shirt, NICE (no holes) blue jeans, gym shoes, clean pair of socks - can be “crazy” or just plain.

Honors Choir Uniform: Choir t-shirt, NICE (no holes) blue jeans, gym shoes, clean pair of socks - can be “crazy” or just plain, Honors Choir bracelet

Please fill out the information on the backside of this paper, circle the items you want to purchase, include cash or a check (checks made out to JPS) and turn in to your school's music teacher. Please turn your order form in by **Thursday, October 13th**. There are a limited number of scholarships available. Please contact Ms. Florian if a scholarship is needed.

If you would like to order extra shirts and/or sweatshirts for the family, you are more than welcome to do so.

CHOIR TREATS

The choir kids are a hungry bunch at the end of the day. To keep it simple and to make sure we always have plenty of snacks, we are asking each choir kid to bring in a box of **individually wrapped** granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, or crackers to contribute to our “snack stash”. **No peanuts or peanut products due to singers with peanut allergies!** Please have your child bring their contribution to our “snack stash” by next Thursday’s rehearsal (October 6th).

Thank you in advance for your help. If our “snack stash” starts to run low, I will send out an email requesting some additional help!

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GRAND RAPIDS DRIVE TICKET SALES



What: Sing the National Anthem before a DRIVE basketball game, and then stay to watch the game with other choir kids and their families! Our music program gets a percentage of each ticket sale back, so we want to sell lots of tickets!

Why: To raise money for new music supplies, recordings, and supplemental materials AND to raise money for our Michigan's Adventure trip!

When: Saturday, December 17th - Mark your calendars now! More details will be provided as the date gets closer.