

SPOTLIGHT CHOIR PACKET



2016-2017

Dear Choir Parent/Guardian:

I am pleased to have your child in choir this year. We love music, and believe that singing is one important way to build a strong child. The goals of the choir are to study a variety of quality literature, learn performance skills, study choral score reading, improve vocal production, learn proper performance etiquette, and most importantly - to have fun!

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 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. If your child has a parent living at another address and would like to receive e-mails, please send that address to me also. **If you do not have an email address, or would just like to receive hard copies of notes, you will find all notes posted in a folder marked "Spotlight Choir" outside of the music room door.**

Also, new this year! If you are active on facebook, please request to join our group! We will post reminders on the page as well as share pictures from rehearsals and events! It is a closed group, so only members can view the posts. You will need to request to join the group and we will add you! Just search for **Sandy Hill Spotlight Choir** on facebook and it will pop up!

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.
- Choir is a great opportunity for all students at Sandy Hill, 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 minor. **If a student receives two minors in a choir season, they will be asked to remit**

their choir membership.

- Our choir shirts are the same as last years design by Eagle Eye Graphics. **If you already have a t-shirt from last year, you do not need to purchase a new one (unless you want to).** The shirts look 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, choir t-shirt and a clean pair of socks - can be “crazy” or just plain.

We look forward to a great year with these wonderful kids!

Holly Florian and Karen Ambs, Co-directors

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Spotlight Choir Calendar

Day	Date	Description - Time	Where
Monday	9/26	1st Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	10/3	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	10/10	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	10/17	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Wednesday	10/26	Combined Rehearsal - 3:45-5:15 Students Bused TO rehearsal from Sandy Hill but parents pick up at Junior High.	Junior High
Monday	10/31	Halloween - NO REHEARSAL!	
Monday	11/7	Rehearsal 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	11/14	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	11/21	NO REHEARSAL	Sandy Hill
Monday	11/28	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Friday	12/2	GR Drive National Anthem - optional - more info later!	
Monday	12/5	NO REHEARSAL	
Monday	12/12	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	1/9	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	1/16	Rehearsal - 3:45-4:45	Sandy Hill
Monday	1/23	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday	2/1	Combined Rehearsal - 3:45-5:15 Students Bused TO rehearsal from Sandy Hill but parents pick up at Junior High.	Junior High
Tuesday	2/7	Festival of Voices Concert - 6:15pm - 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 **Monday, October 10th.** 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 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 Monday’s rehearsal (October 3rd).

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

Ms. Florian and Mrs. Ambs



GRAND RAPIDS DRIVE GAME

Friday, December 2nd



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: Friday, December 2nd - Mark your calendars now!

More information will be provided as the date gets closer!