

Infant Jesus of Prague School

Junior High Cantors, Intermediate Choir, General Music Program/Musical
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To: 4th/5th, 6th/7th/8th Grade Choir Members and Parents/Guardians

From: Ms. Frederickson, Choir Director

Congratulations and welcome to the Infant Jesus of Prague Intermediate Choir! You have chosen this opportunity to express your musical self in a fun and creative way. Choir members aim for four goals:

- 1) to experience the joy of musical expression and artistic accomplishment
- 2) to strive to reach our maximum musical potential through progressive learning challenges which stimulate the development of our vocal, movement and literacy skills
- 3) to learn the art and discipline of performing in an ensemble with our peers
- 4) to uphold and represent the finest educational standards of I.J.P. School through the performance of developmentally-appropriate music.

Choir activities during the Fall/Winter semester typically include large group rehearsals; some select part rehearsals (to be arranged); Christmas Concert; local community performance invitations (when possible) school liturgies. This year's Christmas Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

We are a musical team, and EACH member's active participation is vital! The following is a list of our
PERFORMER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Performer rights:

- I expect...
- 1) to be informed of scheduled rehearsals and performances.
 - 2) to enjoy making music during rehearsals and performances
 - 3) to make my own decision regarding sign-up for extra duties of my choice; instrumentalists; select parts.
 - 4) to be treated with dignity and respect

Performer Responsibilities:

- I choose...
- 1) to make sure that I attend scheduled rehearsals and performances.
 - 2) to give my very best musical effort during rehearsals and performances.
 - 3) to make sure that I attend each extra rehearsal for a select part of my choice.
 - 4) to show dignity and respect for myself and others throughout choir activities.

Important: All students in the choir are to report directly to the Music Rehearsal Area promptly at the rehearsal time. Please note that attendance is essential since it will affect the choir ensemble. Choir members will be expected to make-up any homework and/or class work assigned by the homeroom teachers on those exceptional occasions when choir members are asked to arrive early or are detained briefly during special school events. In the event that a performer is unable to attend a rehearsal or performance, a notice is expected via: voice mail; e-mail; written note, etc.

Please sign and return the attached contract to the Choir Director on or before Monday, September 27, 2010. Students wishing to join choir after September 27th may do so in January 2010 during the new semester enrollment. New contracts will be given to all new choir members.

Choir Rehearsals will begin on September 15, 2010 in the MUSIC ROOM this does not include the Flossmoor Fest (see separate permission slip)

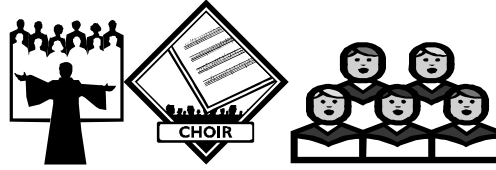
Please indicate your preferred choir schedule on the contract.

4-8 Grade Choir Schedule:

Wednesday mornings 7:45 to 8:20 AM, Friday mornings 7:45 to 8:20 AM and Wednesday afternoon, from 3:00 to 3:45 PM.
Choir members are encouraged to attend all scheduled rehearsals *however*, we understand that there are many other obligations and opportunities to take part in, *therefore*, Choir members should attempt a *minimum* of 2 morning rehearsals or 1 Wednesday afternoon rehearsal per week. See Ms. Frederickson for details.

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4th-8th Grade Choir Contract



Please return this sheet to Ms. Frederickson on or before Monday, September 29, 2009
 (Each student must have a signed permission slip in order to officially participate as a choir member and
 choir activities)

We understand the information on the previous sheet, and we pledge our
 commitment to Choir activities for Semester I (Sept. through December 2009).

Student's Name: _____
 Grade/homeroom #/teacher: _____
 Day phone #: _____ Evening phone #: _____
 Address: _____
 Parent/Guardian name (please print) : _____ Relationship: _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Choir Parents/Guardians:

There is a special role just for you in our 4-8 choir. Which one of these roles is your specialty? Your special talents and abilities can help make our Choir shine! If you are an "official Virtus trained" I.J.P. school volunteer and you wish to help out the choir this year please check the items below. Remember, I.J.P. has a volunteer policy that requires all volunteers to attend one training session. Please call the school for more information.

- Choir Supervisor (provide guidance/leadership at large rehearsals during concert crunch, performances, special liturgies for all school masses and if willing, Religious Education masses on selected Wednesdays)
- instrumentalist (lend a helping hand to enhance our ensemble at liturgies and other performance opportunities playing banjo, electric/acoustic guitar, flute, piano, drums, etc.)
- public relations (photographer, videographer, contact the community papers, Campanile, etc.)
- microphone/sound technology (operate or learn how to operate the sound system for school concerts)
- Other (Perhaps you can think of a way to help out our choir in some other capacity... please describe below)



All Choir Rehearsals will be held in the MUSIC ROOM unless otherwise notified, Thank you!

CHOIR NOTICE: 4th through 8th grade Choir will begin rehearsals on Sept. 15th
 Choir permission slips can be obtained via the school office and/or the music teacher
 or online. Choir Rehearsals meet on two mornings, one afternoon or and combination
 see the music contract for details
 Morning Choir Rehearsals every Wed. and Friday 7:45 to 8:20 AM
 Afternoon Rehearsals every Wed. from 3:00 to 3:45 PM