

Choir

Handbook



River Grove School Choirs

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Choir Objectives

This year in choir, we will enhance our musical excellence through the practice of good singing techniques, exploring music from different cultures, learning to read music, performing, becoming more independent musicians, working together as a group, building friendships, and having fun.

Important Dates – Mark Your Calendar!

- December 5th at 8:00am – Pancake Breakfast
- December 10th at 7:00pm – Winter Choir Concert
- January 22nd at 7:00pm – Leyden Sing and Share
- February 27th – Solo and Ensemble Contest
- March 13th – Alternate Date for District Contest
- March 20th – District Contest
- May 6th at 7:00pm – Spring Choir Concert
- May 8th at 8:00am – Pancake Breakfast
- May 20th at 6:00pm – Music Awards Night
- June 2nd - Graduation

Special Activities

This year, we are going to add several awesome activities. We will be caroling in our community around the holidays, attending a musical put on by Leyden High School, performing for our school, and any other performance opportunities we can find.

Rehearsals

4th/5th Grade Choir meets on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from **8:00am-8:40am**

Mixed Choir (6th-8th grade) meets on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from **8:00am-8:40am**

Tardies

- Choir begins at **8:00am** sharp
- All choir students should plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early so they have their folders and are on the risers by 8:00am
- If a student enters the music room after the door has been closed, they are considered to be tardy. Tardies will be recorded and will negatively affect a student's grade

Absences

If a student is absent from choir, Mrs. Trout should receive one of the following **BEFORE** choir begins

1. Phone call (leave a message if not answered)
(708)453-6172 ext. 221
2. Email (ltrout@rivergroveschool.org)

If Mrs. Trout does not receive either a phone call or an email on the day of the absence, the student receives an unexcused absence. Excessive unexcused absences can result in the student's removal from choir.

Grading

Rehearsals:

- Attendance – be on time
- Participation – put in the effort
- Music theory work – learn solfege, do worksheets, etc.

Performances:

- Proper attire – be dressed appropriately
- Being on time – come early
- Being well prepared – know your music

Performances

Performances are the culminating event of all we do, so attendance is expected and required. An unexcused absence from a performance may have a serious affect on the trimester grade. Since this occurs so rarely, it will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Concert Attire

Boys:

- White button up collared shirt (will be provided by RGMO)
- Black pants
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes

Girls:

- White button up collared shirt (will be provided by RGMO)
- Black pants or skirt
- Black socks or nylons
- Black shoes (close toed)

Hair: Pull hair back and away from the face

Jewelry: Wear as little jewelry as possible as it reflects light and distracts the audience

RGMO

Get involved

- Volunteer to help out at events (1/2 days, Pancake Breakfast, etc.)
- Join us at the RGMO meetings each month (see your school calendar for dates)
- Chaperone field trips
- Give us feedback

Joining Choir

- Fill out the information sheet and waiver
 - Parent and student signatures required
- There is a \$50 activity fee for participating in choir
 - Please give all payments to Mrs. Trout
 - Checks made out to RGMO
 - Cash – make sure it is in an envelope

When does choir start?

4th/5th Grade Choir will begin next **Wednesday, September 9th**

Mixed Choir will begin next **Thursday, September 10th**

Letter of Consent

I, the undersigned student, accept membership in the River Grove Choir and I understand that I am responsible for all the policies in the Choir Handbook. I fully agree to carry out my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, have read and understood the policies as set forth in the Choir Handbook. I also grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the River Grove Choir. In addition, my child has full permission to attend all choir functions.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Contact Information

Student Name

Grade

Homeroom Teacher

Height

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Student's Cell Phone Number

Student's Email Address

Parent(s) Name

Parent's Email Address

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Parent's Work Phone Number

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Parent's Cell Phone Number

Street Address

City

Zip Code

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Home Phone Number