

WELCOME TO THE JCDS CHORUS!

September 1, 2011

Dear JCDS Chorus Parents,

COMMITMENT

The JCDS Chorus is a treble singing group for grades 4, 5, and 6. Your child must understand to be a member of this group requires a year-long commitment. This is tough to remember when the weather gets nice outside! All members need to commit to attending every rehearsal.

REHEARSALS – Begin on September 8th

3:05 – 4:15 pm, Thursdays (see calendar for dates)

PERFORMANCES

The Chorus will perform a Winter concert and Spring concert, as well as possible concerts for nursing homes, holiday events, other schools, and school assemblies throughout the year. Please check the website regularly for performance updates. If you know of an opportunity or event where our Chorus might perform, please contact Mrs. Dickert or Stacy Bowen immediately!

COST

The annual membership fee for Chorus is **\$350.00 for the year**, and will be billed with tuition. Please denote on your check for "Chorus Fee". The membership fee INCLUDES the cost of the Music USA Festival Orlando trip. In addition, the membership fee pays for your child's music folder, sheet music, director and accompanist fees, Orlando trip t-shirt, and participation award.

CHORUS PEP HELP

PEP help is needed with the Chorus several times throughout the year, including field trips, before and after performances, and Chorus rehearsal dismissal. If you are interested in helping the Chorus run smoothly, please email or call Stacy Bowen, sbowen@jcds.com, 418-5064 (direct line). Thank you!

BOTTLED WATER SCHEDULE

We ask that all Chorus parents provide water bottles for half of the chorus one day out of the year. **A water schedule will go home next week.** This way all chorus members receive a refreshing bottle of water at the beginning of every rehearsal to keep their voices in top shape.

UNIFORMS

Chorus uniforms will be conveniently available for purchase throughout the school year at RC Uniforms. The shirts feature the school's logo and can take time to order. Please plan accordingly. **Your singer must have the uniform by October 15.**

WEBSITE

The Chorus web page is located at **students.jcnds.com**. Click on the Chorus link. The website has the up-to-date calendar, announcements, uniform information, and contact information. Please check it regularly for updates.

DISMISSAL

Chorus dismissal is at the FOURTH GRADE WING at 4:15 pm.

FOURTH GRADE WING DISMISSAL

- Vehicles enter campus and make an immediate right turn. Drivers should use the right lane and wait at the stop sign, then pull into the loading zone.
- Drivers should display window name card in front window and put vehicle in park while students load.
- Students will not be loaded if cell phones are in use.
- If students are not present at dismissal, drivers will be asked to park in the lot and walk back to escort students to parked vehicles.

FOURTH GRADE WING WALK-UP DISMISSAL

- The school strongly encourages parents to use the drive up dismissal areas where effective security measures are in place.
- Parents and caregivers who must park and walk up to meet children at dismissal must do so in a designated area:
 1. At the cross section of the sidewalk by the pool and 4th Grade dismissal area.
- **If parents/caregivers walk up to meet students, they must have the window name card in hand for staff to release students in those areas.**
- **An adult must escort students to waiting vehicles in parking lots.**

Sincerely,

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