

Chorus Information

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in chorus! We will have a good time together learning good music and proper singing technique! This packet will provide you with basic information you will need this school year. We will have a Christmas concert, spring concert, the Murray County Elementary Music Festival, and sing for Sixth Grade Graduation. I will get all of the dates to you ASAP.

Chorus practices will be on Monday and Thursday after school until 4:00 beginning Thursday, October 11. STUDENTS MAY NOT STAY FOR CHORUS UNTIL THE ATTACHED FORM HAS BEEN RETURNED.

Students who are late being picked up will receive a warning the first time...if the problem happens again, the student will not be allowed to stay for chorus anymore.

Sometimes special circumstances exist, and I will work with you as much as I can. It is OK for a student to start coming to chorus a few weeks late. I know some of the rec league sports end at the end of October or beginning of November. If your child wants to join chorus but cannot start coming until their current activity ends, please go ahead and send the registration form and money in, but also add a note explaining the situation and when your child can begin to come to chorus. I have also been able to work out situations where the child can only come on Monday or Thursday because of tutoring after school. I will work with you on things like that if your child really wants to be in chorus.

Money

There is a \$20 (cash only) chorus fee. This fee is used to purchase music, pay for the chorus uniform t-shirt, and the music fundraiser shirt at the end of the year. Other field trips for performances might come up and money to cover the buses (this should always be a small amount) might need to be collected at that time. The chorus fee is non-refundable. **The attached registration form and chorus fee are due Tuesday, October 9.** If you need to pay the fees in small payments over several weeks that is fine...please just send me a note with the registration form if you need to make payments.

Attendance

Chorus will meet on Monday and Thursday after school in the music room until 4:00. It is important that the students attend as many rehearsals as possible to develop a good sound together. Chorus is a commitment. Attendance will be taken and recorded at each rehearsal and performance. ***Students who are late being picked up will receive a warning the first time...if the problem happens again, the student will not be allowed to stay for chorus anymore. This rule is strictly enforced.***

Communication

Email is the easiest way for me to communicate with parents without interrupting instructional time. My email address is debbie.adams@murray.k12.ga.us and if you email me, I will get back to you as soon as I can. I will also set up a text messaging Remind system once chorus begins; after this is set up, you will receive most reminders through that system.

Conduct

Chorus members are expected to follow all the regular school and music class rules. Students are expected to come with a learning attitude that enables not only themselves but their peers to learn. While I do not want this to ever happen, failure to maintain appropriate behavior will lead to dismissal from chorus.

Pick-Up

Students need to be picked up **at 4:00** in the back of the school in the regular pick-up area. We will come out the gym door at 4:00. You will be given a chorus pick-up card to display in your window to make pick-up go more smoothly. If your child is going to be picked up by someone who is not on your child's enrollment/emergency card in the school office, you will need to go to the office and have that person added to your child's information. ***Students who are late being picked up will receive a warning the first time...if the problem happens again, the student will not be allowed to stay for chorus anymore.***

Uniform

For performances, students will wear their CES Chorus t-shirt (included in the chorus fee), blue jeans, and tennis shoes.

Volunteering

There will be a few times when I will need some help...especially in the spring for the Murray County Elementary Music Festival. If you might be interested in helping, please contact the front office to do the necessary Mandated Reporter training the school system requires of all volunteers. It is important to go ahead and take care of this now to ensure your approval is on record before our events.

Please keep this information for yourself and return the last page to me with the \$20 fee or a note explaining when you will be paying the fee if you cannot pay it now. I know I am not giving you much notice for the fee. I understand if you need to pay it later.

CES Chorus Registration

This form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian and signed by both the parent and student. It needs to be returned to school on or before Tuesday, October 9. Chorus begins on October 11. If you need a little more time for the fee, please send this form back and attach a note telling when you will be able to pay the chorus fee.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Best phone number(s) for parent/guardian: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Please list at least one other contact in case of emergency – a different phone number than from the one above:

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Phone Number: _____

Medical Conditions/Allergies: _____

How many chorus pick up cards do you need? _____

Circle t-shirt size for your uniform shirt: Please keep in mind it needs to fit all year, so leave room to grow! Parents can order shirts too...just send an extra \$7 for each additional shirt...the chorus member's shirt is included in the fees).

Youth Small

Youth Medium

Youth Large

Adult small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult XL

Adult XXL

Chorus Agreement

Student: I have read the information about chorus and agree to do my very best, have a good time singing, and help to make our chorus awesome. I understand that I am making a commitment for the whole school year. I know that I will get to stay in chorus if I show respect to myself, my peers, and my teacher.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: I have read the information about chorus and agree to help my child be the best chorus member possible. I agree to make sure my child is picked up at the correct time from each chorus event. I understand that my child will be removed from chorus if not picked up on time or if their behavior is detrimental to the group.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____