



PARKLAND CHOIR

MCHENRY SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE CHOIR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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CHOIR INFORMATION

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BEING A PART OF THE CHOIR

Greetings to all the 5th grade families of District 15! I am excited to announce that it is now time for your child to choose to be part of the music programs at Parkland! The Choir has a long standing tradition of excellence and continues to improve even in the strange conditions that we find ourselves in today. While our numbers are lower than in the past due to e-learning and not having the in-class experience of singing together, I am happy to announce that we are singing in person at Parkland! This means that you child will be able to sing in class when they start at Parkland in the fall. The Parkland choir family is looking forward to having your child join us in the fall!

WHAT WE DO.

- Choir is a class that takes place during the school day. All students are welcome to join, regardless of prior musical knowledge. We meet as a full ensemble every day during the SAT period and students also have a smaller group lesson where we focus on more individual sound and instruction.
- We sing all the time! Even during virtual learning, we were singing and working together to accomplish a goal.
- We learn to read and appreciate music with multiple voice parts and in different languages,
- We perform for the community and school .
- We have fun singing as a family and growing together as an ensemble.

SCHEDULING FOR CHOIR

- Choir is a curricular class that meets during the school day.
- Daily class meets during SAT, a study hall period normally after lunch.
- Once a week, students are pulled from another class for small group instruction. These lessons are on a rotation so singers only miss the same class once every four weeks.
- Students can be in both band and chorus! If your child wants to be part of both ensembles then they will rotate between the two classes.
- Students will prepare and present, at minimum, two concerts a year and will have other opportunities to perform outside of the large concerts.

WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE PART OF THE MUSIC PROGRAM?

Music is a science.

Music is mathematical.

Music is a foreign language.

Music is history.

Music is physical education.

Music develops insight and demands research.

Music is all these things, but most of all, Music is art.

WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE PART OF THE CHOIR?

- The choir is a friendly group of young musicians who are looking to improve their skills and work together to accomplish creating beautiful music.
- Choir will not interfere with extracurriculars, clubs, or sport so students can still participate in many activities that Parkland has to offer.
- Students learn to read music and how to improve their vocal skills.
- Singers in the choir meet new people and make lasting friendships.

HOW DO I SIGN MY CHILD UP FOR CHOIR?

- Visit www.parklandchorus.com and fill out the 6th Grade Chorus Registration form found in the sidebar. The chorus link can also be found on the Parkland School website.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact me at LWalter@d15.org if you have any questions regarding the choir program at Parkland