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Serranade Choir 2018-19 Participation Agreement

Dear 5th-8th Grade Parents:

Welcome back! I am excited to start another great year of singing, praying, and group activities. Activities this year will include having the students singing at Mass Celebrations, the Harvest Festival, Diocesan Choral Festival, Christmas Caroling, the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert and participating in a Disneyland workshop!

We will have two weekly rehearsals during the 2018-2019 school year. They will be **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:50 am – 7:40 am. All rehearsals will be held in the SCLC Performance Room.** Rehearsals will be vital for us to complete the huge amount of music the students will be learning. Students should be dropped off in front of the Extended Care/Chapel gate and should walk directly to the SCLC Music Room I appreciate your timeliness and cooperation in advance regarding rehearsal participation. *Please do not drop off students before 6:45am.*

Here are a few Serranade Choir engagement dates to put on your calendar:

Please note that events are mandatory unless otherwise noted!

Harvest Festival: Sunday October 28, time TBA

Middle School Christmas Concert: Tuesday December 11th, 7:00pm SAC (Call Time 6:30 pm)

Christmas Caroling: Date/Time TBA

Parish Christmas Concert: Date/Time TBA

Pueri Cantores Festival: Saturday March 23, All Day Event at San Francisco Solano

Stations of the Cross:, April 18, 10:00am in the SAC

Diocesan Choral Festival: Tuesday April 30, 8:00am-2:30pm (parents pick up from event)

Spring Concert: May 15, SAC , 6:30pm (6:15pm call)

Disneyland Workshop: Date TBA, All Day Event

8th Grade Graduation Mass (MANDATORY): June 14, 5:00pm-7:00pm (Call time 4:30pm)

**Please note that the Serranade will be singing at Mass throughout the year. A schedule of Masses they will sing at will be sent out through email.*

If you would like to be a chaperone for the Disneyland event you can email me anytime. We will only be able to take a limited number of chaperones this year. **Parents MUST ride to and from Disneyland with the buses.*

Guidelines and Member Expectations

1) **Candidate Requirements and Selection Process:** The Serranade Choir is open to 5th-8th grade students. No audition is necessary to be in the ensemble. Voice classification will be assessed to assign proper parts.

2) **Rehearsal Schedule:** **Tuesday mornings from 6:50am – 7:40am and Thursday mornings from 6:50 am – 7:40 am.** Rehearsals will be held in the SCLC Performance Space. Warm ups and attendance start at **6:55am**; if you arrive later you will be marked tardy. *Please do not drop off students before 6:45am as I am also dropping of my child at daycare and will not be able to arrive before 6:45am. Extended Care is open at 6:30am and can accomodate early dropoffs.*

3) **Attendance:** Every individual voice in our choir is equally important to the total unified sound. Frequent absences or tardiness diminish the success of the group. It is also harmful to our vocal cords if we miss warm ups due to arriving late. Many of our rehearsals will be fast paced, covering a lot of music, as performances happen close to one another. **If you will be absent, please contact Mrs. Sifers prior to rehearsal at jsifers@serraschool.org.** Illness is considered an excused absence. A note/email from parent/guardian is required. Choir is a year-long commitment. Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal. Each student is allowed 2 unexcused absences *per trimester*. **Please be on time.** Please note that two tardies will count as an unexcused absence. **Students MUST attend the 2 rehearsals before a performance in order to perform with the choir.**

4) **Concert and Mass Schedule:** This schedule will be sent through e-mail. Information can be accessed by going to Serraschool.org and clicking on Campus Life > Choir/Handbells.

5) **Mass Attire:** Students are required to wear their formal uniform for Mass (minus sweaters). St. Junipero Serra Catholic School has purchased Choir Robes for the Serranade Choir. Choir students will be assigned a Choir Robe for the performance to wear over their formal school uniform. Students will be responsible for care and cleaning of their robe at the close of the school year if needed.

Food and drink are not to be consumed while wearing the choir robe.

GIRLS: Please wear black shoes for Mass and Festival performances. Please have hair pulled back and out of your face.

6) **Behavior:** Students are expected to follow the St. Junipero Serra Catholic School Code of Conduct at all times.

7) **Choir Participation Fee:** This **non-refundable** fee will be collected from every participant to offset the expenses incurred by the school for this extra-curricular program. These funds will be used for the purchase of music, musical accompaniment, choir T-Shirts, musical instruction, and the Disneyland workshop. **The fee for the 2018-2019 choir participation fee is \$215 per student and will be due by Friday September 28th.** Please make checks payable to St. Junipero Serra Catholic School, attention Mrs. Sifers. Checks may be dropped off at the School's front office. Payments may also be made online through the school website. I will email information to help with the online payment process.

9) **Parent Support:** Volunteer opportunities include: chaperones, parent drivers, and party coordinators. If interested, please email Mrs. Sifers at jsifers@serraschool.org.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS: All volunteers must be eligible for supervision of students by clearing the **fingerprinting** requirements of the Diocese of Orange and must have successfully completed the **Safe Environment** training. Please see Anna Merrill in Human Resources if you need to determine your eligibility.

10) **Participation Agreement:** The attached form is a participation agreement that is required by all students who will participate in the 2018-2019 Serranade Choir. This form should be accompanied by the participation deposit fee.

Detach and return this form to the School Office – Attention Mrs. Sifers

St. Junipero Serra Catholic School – Serranade Choir 2018-2019 ~ Student Participation Agreement

Please detach and complete this form and return with the participation fee (\$215) to the St. Junipero Serra Catholic School Office by **September 28th** Please make your check payable to St. Junipero Serra Catholic School (SJSC). Payments may also be made online.

I, _____ (**print child's name**) agree to comply with the guidelines stated in the Guidelines and Choir Member Expectations. Should I become unable to comply with those guidelines, I will immediately notify the Choir Director.

Please print as clearly as possible.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Contact Phone # _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Student Homeroom: _____ Check Number: _____

Choir Tee-Shirt Size (Standard pre-shrunk shirt sizes):

Youth M

Youth L

Adult S

Adult M

Adult L

Adult XL