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♪ **SERRA SINGERS 2018-19** ♪

Dear 3rd and 4th Grade Parents:

Welcome back! I am so excited to begin another great year of singing, praying, and group activities with your child(ren). Activities this year will include having the students singing at Mass Celebrations, the Harvest Festival, Assisted Living Homes, the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert and participating in a Disneyland Performing Arts workshop!

Rehearsals for the 2018-2019 school year will be held **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:50 am – 7:40 am**. All rehearsals are scheduled to take place in the PEB Music Room. Rehearsals will be vital for us to complete the huge amount of music the students will be learning. Students should be dropped off at the Extended Care gate, by the chapel, and walk to the PEB side door each morning. I appreciate your timeliness and cooperation in advance regarding rehearsal participation.

Here are a few of Serra Singer's engagement dates to put on your calendar:

Please note that events are mandatory unless otherwise noted!

- **Harvest Festival:** Sunday October 28th, time TBA
- **Christmas Concert Grades 2-4:** Thursday December 6th, 7:00pm (Call Time 6:30 pm)
- **Parish Christmas Concert:** Date/Time TBA
- **Assisted Living Spring Sing (OPTIONAL):** Date/Time TBA
- **Spring Concert:** May 15th, 6:30pm (6:15pm call)
- **Disneyland:** TBD, 2019 ALL DAY

**Please note that the Serra Singers will be singing at Mass throughout the year. A schedule of Masses they will sing at will be sent out through email and posted on Ms. Armenta's website.*

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 this year. Chaperones **MUST ride to and from Disneyland with the buses. **It is strictly against Diocesan Safe Environment policy for non-chaperone parents and family members to "meet up" during any school sanctioned events.***

Guidelines and Member Expectations

- 1) **Candidate Requirements and Selection Process:** The Serra Singers is open to 3rd and 4th grade students. No audition is necessary to be in the ensemble. Voice classification will be assessed to assign proper parts.
- 2) **Rehearsal Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:50am – 7:40am.** All rehearsals are scheduled to take place in the PEB Music room. Students should be dropped off at the Extended Care gate (by the chapel) and walk to the PEB side door each morning. Warm ups and attendance start at **6:55am** sharp.
- 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 Ms. Armenta prior to rehearsal at parmenta@serraschool.org or 949-888-1990 x172.** Illness is considered an excused absence. A note 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 also be accessed by going to Serraschool.org and clicking on Campus Life > Choir/Handbells.

5) **Mass Attire:** Choir Formal Attire:

Girls: Serra Skirt, white blouse, blue vest, white knee highs

Boys: Serra khaki pants, white shirt, blue vest, white socks

6) **Behavior:** Students are expected to follow the 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 SJSC, attention Ms. Armenta. Checks may be dropped off at the school office.

8) **Parent Support:** Volunteer opportunities include: chaperones, parent drivers, and party coordinators. If interested, please email Ms. Armenta at parmenta@serraschool.org or call (949) 888-1990 ext. 172.

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.

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

Detach and return this form with your payment to the School Office – Attention Ms. Armenta

Serra Catholic School - Serra Singer Choir 2018-2019~ Student Participation Agreement

Please detach and complete this form and return with the participation fee: **\$215.00**

to the Serra Catholic School Office by **September 29th**. *Please make your check payable to St. Junipero Serra Catholic School (or SJSC).*

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: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Contact Phone # _____

Student Homeroom: _____

Check Number: _____ Check Amount: _____

Choir Tee-Shirt Size (Please circle one):

Youth S

Youth M

Youth L

Adult S

Adult M

Adult L