



TONKA DISTRICT

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

3rd Grade *Anchor* Choir

Parent and Singer Handbook

2019-2020

Tonka District Children's Choir Mission Statement:

The Tonka District Children's Choirs serves children who love to sing in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade from each of the six elementary schools across the Minnetonka School District. Membership in the choir fosters musicality through performance and bridges friendships across the district. There is a place for everyone in the choir!

Tonka District Children's Choir Ensembles:

Select Choir: Includes fourth, fifth, and sixth grade girls and boys from each of the six elementary schools and two middle schools in the Minnetonka School District. This is an auditioned group with a higher level of performance and rehearsal expectations. This group will cater to the dedicated and experienced young singer.

Core Choir: Includes fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys and girls from each of the six elementary schools and two middle schools in the Minnetonka School District. Singers in this choir will develop singing and performing skills using choral music and individual instruction. The goals will be improved technique and a musically satisfying concert while creating a space where all voices are celebrated.

Third Grade Choirs: Includes third grade boys and girls from each of the six elementary schools in the Minnetonka School District. There are two 3rd grade District Choirs: The Anchor Choir meets on Tuesdays at Minnewashta from 4:15pm-5:15pm. The Skipper Choir meets on Mondays (Location TBD) from 4:15pm-5:15pm. Each choir performs their own repertoire. 3rd Grade choir is a chance for every singer to experience what it's like to be in a choir!

Anchor Choir Contact Information:

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Becky.Asche@minnetonkaschools.org

Rehearsal Times and Spaces:

Third Grade Anchor Choir: 4:15pm-5:15pm @Minnewashta Room 140

Fall Choir Retreat

This is a fantastic time to get to know each other and do some fun community building!

Time and Date TBD

Concert Dates:

Thursday, January 23–Winter Concert at the Arts Center (High School), 6:00pm (arrive @5pm)

Friday, May 15–Spring Concert at the Arts Center (High School), 6:00pm (arrive @5pm)

Concert Dress - Formal Concert Attire:

Boys: Black slacks, black socks, black dress shoes, and white button down shirt.

Girls: Black skirt/slacks, black nylons or tights, black dress shoes, button down or dressy white blouse.

Attendance Policy:

In case of illness or other unavoidable conflict, please notify your child's director through email. If a singer misses three rehearsals during a semester, they will need to schedule a make-up time with the director. If a singer misses more than three during a semester, they will be asked not to attend the next concert or performance. Every rehearsal is important!

Parent Volunteers:

We need extra helpers! We need parent volunteers for our concerts and parties, and for parent pick-up times. Notifications of volunteer opportunities will be sent out through email.

Communications:

Information will be sent home in the form of emails. We will create an email distribution list to send out direct messages and news. We will always use the blind copy option to keep information private. Be sure to check your junk box and add our emails to your address book.

Behavior:

Singers will be held to high standards for behavior during rehearsals and concerts. Each choir member is required to sign a behavior contract. Our choirs represent our communities. Hard working choir members deserve the opportunity to participate in a choir with pride.

Rehearsal Dates:

*We will have rehearsal every Tuesday that school is in session. If school is canceled due to inclement weather, rehearsal will also be cancelled.

Tuesday, October 1- Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 8 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 15 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 22 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 29 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 5 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 12 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 19 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 26 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 10 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 17 - Rehearsal

WINTER BREAK

Tuesday, January 7 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 14 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 21 - Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 23 - CONCERT 6pm AT MINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL (arrive by 5pm)

Tuesday, January 28 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 4 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 11 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 18 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 25 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 3 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 17 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 24 - Rehearsal

SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, April 7- Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 14 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 21 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 28 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 5 - Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 12 - Rehearsal

Friday, May 15 - CONCERT 6pm AT MINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL (arrive by 5pm)

Tuesday, May 19 - NO REHEARSAL

Thursday, May 21 - Roller-skating party @Roller Garden 5622 W Lake St, St Louis Park, MN 55416