

Dear Parents of Prospective **Chorus** Members,

I hope that you are all as excited as I am to begin the 2024-2025 school year! My name is Benji Cates and I am the Music Teacher and Chorus Director here at SEES. I wanted to give you a quick preview of some expectations, dates and opportunities that are scheduled for the upcoming chorus year.

First of all, I'm thrilled about your child's interest in joining chorus. I consider this ensemble to be an elite musical group and participation requires an elevated level of commitment and effort, relative to general music class. Rehearsals will be weekly from 2:45-4:00 beginning August 27, meeting in the music classroom until further notice. After rehearsal, it is expected that students will be picked up by their guardian (unless they participate in Prime Time or other arrangements have been made) at the front parking lot pick-up area.

Participation in chorus is a privilege and there are expectations for all participants. Failure to adhere to the listed standards may result in potential removal from the ensemble.

- **Consistent attendance.** Being at rehearsal is imperative and repeated undocumented absences are not acceptable. Please notify me of any conflicts that may cause a missed rehearsal.
- **Disruptive behavior.** In rehearsals and performances, it is expected that behavior will be reasonably professional. If a student is a consistent disruption in rehearsals, communication with a parent will be made.

As of this moment, I have these dates marked for performances, so please put these into your calendar, as attendance is expected.

- Holiday Concert Tuesday Dec 10, 2024 at 7:00pm
- Saturday Ghost Pirates Performance Dec 21, 2024 , time TBD
- Spring Concert Tuesday Apr 8, 2025 at 7:00pm

**There is a STRONG likelihood that additional performance opportunities may arise, under which circumstance, I will notify you promptly.**

I use a communication channel called **Remind**, to ensure that communication can be efficient and clear. I strongly recommend enrolling in the Chorus Remind group. I will not spam you with information. Instructions on adding yourself to remind can be found on the reverse side of this page, for those who have never used the platform before. The group code is **@SEESing25**

I am thrilled for a full year of Chorus this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me using Remind, via email at [bjcates@effingham.k12.ga.us](mailto:bjcates@effingham.k12.ga.us), or through the school office. I am looking forward to an awesome year!

**Benji Cates**

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I have read and understand the expectations of participation in 4th and 5th grade chorus and that failure to live up to them may result in removal from the ensemble. My student plans to participate in the ensemble.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

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