

October 9, 2015

Greetings from the music room! I am very happy that your child has decided to join choir. I would like to take a moment to introduce you to the course, and some of the opportunities that this year has to offer.

Choir is worth a credit at Kelvin, and therefore has many of the same requirements as other classes. Daily participation is crucial, both for the benefit of individual singers and to the choir as a whole. **I would appreciate your help in ensuring that your child is at choir on Days 1 and 5 at 8:00 AM and on Day 3 at 12:30.** I understand that there may be occasional conflicts, but the expectation is that students are present at all rehearsals. Assessment will be based on written work, as well as practical demonstrations, both informally in class and in formal test situations.

The choir has several performances through out the year. Attendance is required for all choir members, as they act as a test would in other classes. At this point, the schedule is as follows:

- October 14: Undergrad Awards
- November 10: Remembrance Day Service at Kelvin
- November: Choralfest (Date TBA)
- December 15: Winter Concert
- February/March: Winnipeg Music Festival (Date TBA)
- June 1: Take Note
- June 7-10 : Arts Festival

There are also several optional events that are open to choir students, including a rehearsal retreat on October 19-20, and a tour to Chicago in April. As other events arise, I will do my best to let you know about them as soon as possible.

I would like to do fundraisers in hopes of reducing overall costs for events. A portion of funds raised will also be designated to those students who actually raise the funds. A student committee will be organized, but parent volunteers are needed!

I hope that cost is never the reason that a student doesn't participate in an activity, so please let me know. Funds can sometimes be found around the school, fundraising is possible, and payment schedules can be arranged.

Chaperones are also needed on occasion in ensure that events run smoothly. Your costs will be covered in all cases and your help will be greatly appreciated.

I have developed a website to aid with communication. I will upload the weekly assignments there every Friday. There is a page with a calendar with the rehearsal schedule as well as concert dates. My contact info is there, as well as a blog page, where I will post updates and announcements frequently. Please check out khschoir.weebly.com

I also use a safe, anonymous text/email service that allows me to send last minute reminder or announcements. For example, if I become ill, and unable to attend my 8:00 AM class, I may send a Remind message to alert students that they can sleep in a bit. Information on how to sign up for these alerts can be found on the contact page of the website.

To ensure that this note finds its way home, I'm asking that you sign and return the **bottom portion**. I am looking forward to the year and look forward to meeting you. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

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My child _____ and I have read over the note today and have discussed the expectations. We will do our best to meet them and will discuss concerns with Ms. Brown as they arise.

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Parent/guardian email address: _____