



# Student and Parent Orientation

# About the Choir

- 50 Members
  - 7 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders
  - 11 4<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - 32 5<sup>th</sup> Graders



- Those selected can already match pitch and have adequate melodic memory to begin working on refining their vocal technique through more challenging repertoire.

# More about the Choir

- We often sing in 2 parts, and sometimes even 3 and 4 parts
- We sing many different languages
- We learn to read from choral music (not just by rote)
- We sing a wide range of music representing the choral tradition of many eras, cultures and faiths (pop, spirituals, art music, jazz, secular, sacred, etc..)

# Why are we here?

- We love music and love to sing.
- We want to share our love of music with our families, our school, and our community.
- We know that being a part of the choir is about more than performing.
- We are committed to excellence.
- *"When you are a part of excellence, you stop asking what is required and start believing in what is possible."*

*Believe!*



2011-2012

**Pink Elementary  
Honor Choir**

**A 2012 TMEA INVITED ELEMENTARY CHOIR**

# We're Going to State!



- Out of the entire state, we were one of only five elementary choirs selected to perform at the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) state convention in February.
- We will perform in San Antonio on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.
- This is a tremendous and well-deserved honor that we have worked hard to achieve.
- We also have a responsibility to represent our school, our community, and our namesakes with honor and excellence.

# We're Going to State!

- We will travel by charter bus to San Antonio.
- We will leave very early in the morning. All students are required to travel to San Antonio on the bus.
- Following our performance students may be released to parents.
- By Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> parents will need to indicate if their child will be riding the bus back to Pink the afternoon of February 9<sup>th</sup> or be released to them.
- Students who ride the bus back to Frisco will arrive that evening at approximately 11pm.

# The Handbook

In an effort to conserve paper, a copy of this presentation, which will serve as our handbook, will be made available on the music website:

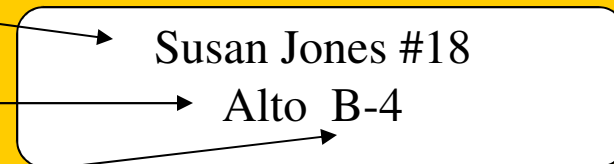
[www.pinkmusicroom.com](http://www.pinkmusicroom.com)

Following the today's presentation, please review the information at home and complete the contract to show dismissal arrangements, indicate travel arrangements for TMEA, and sign to indicate that you and your child understand and agree to the terms of the Honor Choir Contract.

# Entry and Exit Procedures

## Entry Procedures

1. As students enter the room they pick up their name stickers from a volunteer
  - Name/Folder #
  - Part
  - Seat Number
  - Used for attendance and behavior
2. Students get their binders from the bookcase and go immediately to their seats to begin warm-ups (Volunteers may assist)



# Entry and Exit Procedures

## Exit Procedures

- Students will exit by row when called
- Students leave their folders in rows on the floor so that student volunteers can pick them up and return them to the shelves.
  - Walkers and bike-riders exit front doors by cafeteria.
  - Carpoolers line up at doors leading to Pod 3.
  - Alphabest and YMCA are dismissed directly to after-school care and must check in with the adult in charge.

# Seating

## Seat Layout

- 4 Rows (Lowest Row A, Highest Row D)
- Each row is numbered from 1 up to 13 (Ex: A1, D12)

D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	
C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13

Mrs. Wester

# Behavior

Students, you are expected to:

1. Be in your place on time and be prepared.
  - Bring a sharpened pencil (or borrow one from Mrs. Wester before rehearsal)
  - Take care of your restroom and water needs before rehearsal.
2. Only talk with permission.
  - If you need to share or ask a question, raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
  - It is never acceptable to talk while the director is speaking or when anyone is singing.

# Behavior

3. Respect the director, each other, and the music.

- Do not "doodle" on or tear up the music or the binder.
- Be kind if someone makes a mistake....you might be next.

4. Follow directions

- Listen when you are supposed to listen.
- Sing when you are supposed to sing.

5. Always try your best.



# Attendance

All rehearsals in music room or cafeteria

- Full Rehearsals Thursdays 2:55-4:00 PM
- Part II (Alto) Tuesdays 7:20-7:45 AM
- Part I (Soprano) Wednesdays 7:20-7:45 AM

- Additional rehearsals may be scheduled as performance dates approach. Any changes will be communicated by email. In the event of an emergency, you may be contacted by the automated phone system.

# Attendance

- Students are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances.
- Students are expected to be in place on time. \*\*Three tardies will equal one absence.
- Please schedule appointments around the rehearsal schedule.
- There will not be excused or unexcused absences. Therefore, while notes and phone calls are appreciated, they are not required.

# Attendance

- Attendance will be taken using the sticker sheet
  - Stickers must be picked up by students and worn on shirts
  - Late students will place their stickers in the Pink Book in the "Tardy" section
  - Stickers remaining on the sheet at the end of practice will be placed in the Pink Book in the "Absent" section

Thurs. 9/16/10 Full Rehearsal

Absent	Tardy
Brian Wilson #50 Soprano C-12	Jan Steel #45 Descant D-7
Behavior	
Susan Jones #18 Alto B-4	

# Attendance

- Each student will have 5 “free” absences for each school year. These may not be used for performances.
- Parents will be contacted upon the 5<sup>th</sup> absence.
- Upon the 6th absence, a student will receive a letter of dismissal and is no longer eligible to participate in Honor Choir.
- Any extenuating circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the Choir Director, Mrs. Wester.

# Dismissal

- Parents will need to indicate on the contract where their child should be dismissed following afternoon rehearsals.
- If there are to be any changes, a parent must send a note or e-mail to Mrs. Wester before rehearsal. (I will check e-mail 10 minutes prior to rehearsals)
- Students being picked up by car should meet their rides in the back of the school behind Pod 3.
- Students must be picked-up on time, no later than 4:10 p.m. \*\*Three late pick-ups will equal one absence.

# Carpool

Students will be dismissed at the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade carpool area behind Pod 3.

- Enter on west side of school and drive around to the north side of the building.
- Form a single-file, curbside line to allow others to pull out easily after student pick-up
- Please do not leave vehicles unattended in the carpool line. If you must come inside, please use a parking space.
- Students will be dismissed at rear exit outside the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade pod (Pod 3).

# Uniforms

- Choir shirts will be \$25 per student. This includes a travel/spirit t-shirt, a performance polo, and knee socks for girls.
- Prior to any event, Mrs. Wester will send out an email detailing the appropriate attire.
- Students who do not have the appropriate attire will not be allowed to perform.
- Students are encouraged to wear the spirit shirts on "choir day" every Thursday.

# Uniforms

## Performance Uniform

- Tops - Navy choir polo tucked in
- Bottoms
  - Khaki pants (boys)
  - Khaki scooter (girls)
- Feet
  - Closed toe black dress shoes, black socks (boys)
  - Black Mary Janes, white knee socks (girls)
- Black Belt (Boys)

## Travel/Casual Uniform

- Tops - Choir T-shirt
- Bottoms - dark blue jeans
- Feet - Athletic Shoes

# Performance Uniforms



Girls



Boys

# Uniforms

- Purchased with choir dues
  - Embroidered polo shirts
  - knee high socks for girls
- Purchased by parents
  - Izod khaki uniform scooters for girls
  - Izod flat-front Khaki pants for boys
  - Dress shoes
    - Black Mary Janes for girls
    - Black closed-toe dress shoes for boys
  - Black socks for boys
  - Black belt for boys

# Uniforms

- Student's measurements will be taken today at Choir Boot Camp
- Volunteers will mark appropriate size recommendations for each uniform piece except shoes.
- Polo shirts will be ordered from measurements.
- Uniform Information Sheets will be sent home after the first full rehearsal. Parents will order scooters or pants online from [jcpenny.com](http://jcpenny.com).

# Uniforms

## Girls

- Hair should be neatly brushed and pulled back away from the face. (We want to see your beautiful faces!)
- If your ears are pierced, you may wear simple studs. No other jewelry is allowed.
- Shoes should be simple black Mary-Jane style. You might find them and Payless, Target, J.C.Penney.
- No make-up is permitted other than lip balm and a light power.

# Uniforms

## Boys

- Hair should be neatly combed and out of the face.
- Pants should be worn at the waist (No sagging)
- Shoes should be black dress shoes with black socks.

\* Mrs. Wester will announce any alterations to the uniform prior to performances.

# Communication

- E-mail
- Music Website [www.pinkmusicroom.com](http://www.pinkmusicroom.com)
  - Honor Choir
- Automated Phone Calls
- Music Bulletin Board
- Notes home (only when parent signature required)

# Choir Events

- **FML Performance**
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:50 AM
  - Pink Elementary Cafeteria
- **Frisco Merry Main Street**
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-9 PM (exact time TBD)
  - Frisco Square
- **TMEA Performances (Dates TBD)**
  - Two public performances and one school performance at the end of January and beginning of February.
  - San Antonio Performance (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM)

# Choir Events

- **FISD Spring Songfest and Tour**
  - Early May (Date and Location TBD)
  - Adjudicated music festival
  - Community Performances and Service Project
- **Spring Choir Concert**
  - Mid to Late May (Date TBD)
  - Pink Cafeteria
- **End of Year Celebration**
  - Late May/Early June (Date TBD)
  - Main Event

# Volunteer Opportunities

- **Rehearsal Assistants**
  - First few couple of weeks to help with set-up and attendance
  - Weekly for dismissal and take-down
- **Uniform Distributor**
  - Sort and distribute polos when delivered
- **Chaperones**
  - Merry Main Street (check-in and monitoring)
  - TMEA (Only 6 may ride on the bus)
  - Spring Songfest and Tour
  - End of Year Celebration

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteers

- Please go online to do a background check if you have not done so already
- Please let me know if you can help at our first regular rehearsal
- You will be contacted regarding other needs as indicated on your child's online application.
- Thank you for your help!

# Choir Dues

- \$40 Annual Dues
  - \$25 choir shirts (t-shirt, polo)
  - \$15 for Spring Choir Celebration
- Non-refundable
  - Arrangements must be made and paid for well in advance
  - Regardless of reason for leaving Honor Choir, the dues are non-refundable
- Cash Only

# Contract

- Dismissal Arrangements
- Spirit Shirts
- TMEA Travel
- Both parent and student sign.
- Must be completed by first full rehearsal on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Questions?



Thank you for  
sharing your  
talented children!