Dear Parents:

SFX *PRIMARY* CHOIR PROGRAM
2015/2016

Welcome to the new school year! I am looking forward to a wonderful year working with our SFX Primary choir!

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For those students (and parents) new to SFX and/or considering joining the choir program, I would like to share the reality that every student can learn to sing! Choir enables the children to become musically expressive and provides the opportunity for students to explore their capability. Our program offers non-auditioned choir for the hesitant music learner, as well as providing more challenging material for the musically skilled or gifted child.

Throughout the year we will address both the individual singer by developing vocal skills, increasing knowledge of his/her own voice, and developing music literacy. In addition, we will address choral ensemble by developing group cohesiveness, building choral skills and fostering students' pride in their performance.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

We would like to thank parents for your support, and particularly for encouraging your son/daughter to continue in the study of music. This investment of time, effort and energy will produce lifelong dividends. The best audience is always parents. We know that you are often faced with a full agenda in your personal and professional life, and sometimes there are challenges in trying to adjust your schedule to accommodate every school function. However, your presence at our performances means more to your son/daughter than words can express. Music is a family affair. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their talent.

ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES

Practices will be on Tuesdays at lunch recess**.**
With this limited rehearsal time**, <u>it is important that all participants in choir arrive on time</u>** and are present for **all** practices. If your child misses a practice due to illness, etc., please send a note from home so that they can be excused from practice. Please encourage a positive practice schedule. For your information, coaches of extra-curricular sports will try and arrange their practice times around the choir schedule to enable choir students to participate in team sports as well.

I am really looking forward to working with our Choir this year. I am delighted that SFX students have such a positive attitude towards music, and I will work hard to continue to foster their joy of music and singing. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the Music/Choir Program. Again thank you in advance for your support.

If your child is interested in joining choir this year, please complete the attached form and return it no later than **Tuesday, October 13th, 2015**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charmaine Harris
Choir Director

PERMISSION FORM - SFX CHOIR Sept. 2015

LAST NAME: _____ I allow _____ in Grade _____
_____ in Grade _____
_____ in Grade _____
_____ in Grade _____
to participate in the School Choir for the 2015-2016 school year.

My child(ren) and I understand that all practices and performances must be attended in order to continue choir for the entire year.

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(Parent's Signature) (Date)

COMMENTS:
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