



St. Mary Parish School Choir

Open to 6th – 8th Grade Students

Dear Parents,

September 11, 2023

Blessings to you and your families! I would like to announce the starting date of the 2023-24 choir season will begin at the end of the month. I am eager to once again make music with our talented singers! For those of you who are unfamiliar with the group, the St. Mary Parish School Choir is open to students who love to sing and who want to challenge and strengthen their musical skills.

New this year, rehearsal will take place during the school day rather than after school. This will help to alleviate concerns for students who would like to be in choir and other extracurricular activities. Due to this scheduling change, choir will be a middle school exclusive group.

We have a number of exciting events this year. In December the choir will be going **Christmas Caroling** at local assisted living facilities. It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to share our talents and Christmas spirit with those in need. We will also perform at our school's **St. Mary Christmas Program**.

In February we will have the honor of singing "God Bless America" at a **Milwaukee Admirals hockey game**. This was an incredible experience last year. What a privilege to have been invited to return!

In March the choir will carol at assisted living facilities a second time as it has been expressed by various activity directors that the residents have a scarcity of visitors during this time. Last year was our first experience with **Easter Caroling** and it was very well received. Our intention is to spread music and joy to those who need it the most.

Finally, we will participate in our school's **Fine Arts Night**. This event showcases the talents of choir, band, soloists and the incredible variety of art mediums taught to the students by Mrs. Gurnee.

Rehearsals for the St. Mary Parish School Choir will be held **FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 1:50 – 2:30** in Room 105. Our first rehearsal is set for September 29th. Students should come right down to the music room and will return to their homerooms for normal dismissal procedures when we are finished with rehearsal.

The fee for choir is \$50. This helps to defray the cost of sheet music and materials. I realize that every family's situation is different so, if this is not feasible, please let me know.

If your child would like to become a member of the St. Mary Parish School Choir please fill out the form below and make the check payable to Heather Schultz. Have your child return the form and fee in an envelope no later than **Friday, September 15th**. They can drop it off either at the School Office or my classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at schultzh@stmaryhc.org.

Blessings,

Mrs. Heather Schultz
St. Mary Parish School Music Teacher



St. Mary Parish School Choir

Cost: \$50 – Cash or make check payable to Heather Schultz

Location: Room – 105

Rehearsal Day/Time: Friday Afternoons – 1:50 - 2:30

Rehearsal Dates:

September - 29

October – 13, 20, 27

November – 10, 17

December – 1, 8, 15

January – 12, 19, 26

February – 2, 16, 23

March – 1, 8, 22

April – 12, 19, 26

Events:

Christmas Caroling – Date TBD in December (held during the school day)

Christmas Program – Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Admirals Hockey Game – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:30pm game

Easter Caroling – Date TBD in March (held during the school day)

Fine Arts Night – Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Choir Expectations:

- Arrive on time (we have a short amount of time to do great work together)
- Be respectful of all choir members (we all have different vocal talents)
- Take care of your assigned binder of sheet music (this is school property)
- Be open to singing all styles of music

Please return money and form below to Mrs. Schultz by Friday, September 15, 2023.



Choir Permission Slip

Student name _____

Grade _____ Room Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____