

WELCOME TO THE SGGA MUSIC PROGRAM!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter includes general information about the ensembles and is a permission slip. The next page should be returned to me no later than **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th**.

CHAMBER CHOIR (grades 5-8) – This group rehearses once a week on **Tuesdays** afternoons from 2:30-3:30PM in the music room (rehearsals will be extended to 4:00 when approaching a performance). Our goal is to learn healthy singing techniques and work together to sing a variety of repertoire. We will have many opportunities to sing this year. Please see the attached schedule. **Attendance is expected at ALL performances.**

LEDGER LIONS (grades 7-8) – This group rehearses once a week on **Tuesdays** afternoons from 3:30-4:15PM in the music room (rehearsals will be extended to 4:30 when approaching a performance). Our goal is to learn healthy singing techniques and work together to sing a variety of repertoire a cappella music. Students who are selected for this ensemble will also sing with Chamber Choir. **Attendance is expected at ALL performances.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Being a part of any ensemble is like being a part of a sports team. **EVERYONE COUNTS!** It is extremely important that your child attends rehearsals regularly in order to learn the music/lyrics and to develop their voices properly. I will take attendance at every rehearsal. Students will be allowed **three** absences from rehearsal without penalty. Any student missing more than **four** rehearsals may not be allowed to sing in the concert or participate in other performance opportunities. If you know ahead of time of an absence, please contact me via email. Being a part of choir means that you are committed for **ALL** of our performances throughout the year including the Winter Concert, students liturgies, Graduation, and competitions/festivals. **FAILURE TO ATTEND THESE PERFORMANCES WILL RESULT IN NOT BEING PERMITTED TO JOIN CHOIR THE FOLLOWING YEAR!** Monthly calendars will be sent via email for your planning purposes. Parents are **REQUIRED** to help with choral fundraisers. Please remember that our fundraisers help to offset the cost of our trips!

DRESS REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY!!! This is a very important rehearsal usually the day before a performance. Anyone missing a dress rehearsal will not be allowed to sing in the performance. Choristers provide their own concert attire:

GIRLS: black knee-length skirts or slacks, white long sleeved button-down oxford cloth shirts, nude
tights or stockings (no knee socks or anklets with the skirts, please), black shoes

BOYS: black slacks, white long-sleeved button down oxford cloth shirts (no tie), black socks, black
Shoes.

This seems silly to say, however, I must remind you that these are **SINGING** ensembles. If your child does not enjoy singing, is not singing in rehearsals, or at student liturgies, etc. they will be no longer able to participate. A performance test may be given to the choir to ensure everyone is doing their part to learn the music.

Auditions will be held during the school day as well as after school. Your child will need to bring the permission slip and audition form to their audition. IF your child is scheduled after school, the audition process only takes approximately 5-7 minutes. You will be able to find the audition schedule in the Chamber Choir Google Classroom by joining this code:

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Thank you so much for supporting your child's love of music and the arts! I look forward to an exciting year with them!

Yours musically,
Mrs. Bergin
Vocal Music Teacher
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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION AND RETURN BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th!

I give my permission for my son/daughter _____ to
(Child's Name)

attend rehearsals and performances for **SGGA CHOIR**. I understand the time commitment of this ensemble is the length of the entire school year. *I also will volunteer my time or make a donation to **at least ONE** of the choral fundraisers this school year.*

Parent Guardian please sign here

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ My child will be dismissed as a car rider picked up by:

_____ My child will be released to EDP.



SGGA September Choir Calendar 2023



Rehearsals will be on the following Tuesdays after school from **2:30-3:30**. Ledger Lions will rehearse on Tuesdays from **3:30-4:15**

September 19th

September 26th

Dear Parents and Students,

Below is our schedule of performances. Please mark your calendars!! Other performance opportunities will be added as they are confirmed ☺

2023-2024 CHOIR PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

October 4, 2023	St. Francis Day Mass	10:00 am
October 7, 2023	FALL SING ALONG !!	TBD
November 1, 2023	All Saints Day Mass	10:00 am
November 20, 2023	CARNEGIE HALL	ALL DAY
December 2, 2023	PTA Santa Breakfast	TBD
December 9, 2023	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT !!	TBD
December 22, 2023	Tableau Service	9:45 am
January 28, 2024	Catholic Schools Week Mass	12:00 Noon *call time 11:30 am
March 27, 2024	Living Stations Service	TBD
April 25, 2024	SPRING CONCERT	7:00 pm *call time 6:15 pm
May 2024	Competition Trip TBA	ALL DAY
June 7, 2024	Baccalaureate Mass	10:00 am
June 16, 2024	Closing Mass	10:00 am

!! = fundraising event

Yours musically,

Mrs. Kristin Bergin

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SGGA MUSIC BOOSTERS!

Dear Parents,

Becoming a member of Music Boosters is a wonderful way for you to show your support for your child's involvement in the SGGA Music Department. Your child has many advantages available to them by being a member of the Chamber Choir such as performing on the stage at Carnegie Hall and competing at the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags.

The Carnegie Hall performance and the Festival at Six Flags are our big adventures for this year. The final cost for these experiences are very expensive and that is why I am reaching out for your help. I would like to be able to cut the cost by doing some fundraising and, being a part of the Music Boosters would help achieve this goal. Please sign and return the portion below to indicate if you would like to participate in the Music Boosters and help **LEAD** the fundraisers.

Thank you for your support!

Fondly,

Kristin Bergin

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Please circle any that may apply:

- ☐ I would like to join SGGA Music Boosters and help in some way.
- ☐ I would be interested in being a Fundraiser Chairperson.
- ☐ I would be interested in Co-Chairing the Winter Concert concessions.
- ☐ I would be interested in Co-Chairing the Spring Play concessions.

Name _____ e-mail _____

AUDITION FORM

Name _____ Grade _____

If you are in 7th or 8th grade, are you interested in being a member of Ledger Lions?

Please circle one YES NO

CONFLICTS

Please list here other known events/clubs/activities that you are a part of.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DAY OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>TIME OF THE DAY</u>

PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO YOUR AUDITION!

-----Please do not fill in anything below this line-----

Range of voice _____

Intonation _____

Can match pitch _____

Can sing a major scale _____

Can keep a steady beat _____