

July & August 2018

Dear Stone Ridge Parents,

Welcome to the 36th Season of the [Stone Ridge Junior Chorus](#)! As we look forward to the 2018-19 school year and as you plan your daughter's after-school activities, below is important information regarding membership into Junior Chorus.

Junior Chorus is a fine Children's Chorus open to students in Grades 3 - 8.

There is **no fee** for Junior Chorus workshops or membership

Criteria for enrollment:

- The student must demonstrate the ability to sing on-pitch
- Commit to attend scheduled practices, dress rehearsals and performances
- Possess self-discipline and appropriate behavior
- Maintain good academic standing

I. Current Members:

Those students in Grades 4 - 8 who are current members of the chorus automatically maintain their membership for the 2018-19 season and for future seasons as long as they continue their consistent membership each year and fulfill the four criteria.

II. New Membership in Grades 3 - 4

The enrollment process for new membership into Junior Chorus for Grade 3 and 4 students includes **mandatory attendance at two out of the three entry-level vocal workshops**. These will be held on September 7, 10, and 12 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, in the Hamilton House Chapel. Pick-up is at the Hamilton House Circle at 4:00 pm.

Those *demonstrating readiness* after attending these workshops will be offered enrollment and begin rehearsals with the chorus on September 19. Those in need of more vocal training postpone entrance and will attend additional support sessions to be offered in January. **Note:** Students in Grades 3-4 who miss one or more vocal workshops will not be considered for membership this season.

III. New Membership in Grades 5 - 8

Middle School students **Audition** for Junior Chorus will be September 11, 13, and 14 from 3:15 - 4:00 pm in the Hamilton House Chapel.

IV. Rehearsals:

- Rehearsals take place every Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:15 pm in the Music Room by Gym #1. In November and December, we also meet Mondays from 3:30 – 5:15 pm. The dress rehearsals close to our Christmas performances end at 5:30 pm.
- During January through May, rehearsals return to only once a week on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:15 pm and only include Monday and Wednesday rehearsals two weeks before a performance.
- Once in November and once in the spring, special Saturday rehearsals are given in preparation for important performances.
- Middle School choristers who are also interested in participating in the sports program can join Junior Chorus following sports practice at 4:30 pm.

****Tuesdays and Thursdays* are the best times for other activities, or weekdays *after 5:30 pm*.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT THE BASILICA!

If your daughter is interested in singing for this year's **Historic 30th Anniversary** of our chorus providing the music for the annual *Children's Christmas Eve Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*, there will be additional rehearsals on Fridays during November and December. This is not a requirement; however it is a spiritually and musically outstanding opportunity. *This year it will be a very historic event in that the Junior Chorus will be singing The Children's Christmas Eve Mass at the Basilica for the 30th year in a row!* **Note:** participation in both Junior Chorus and the Shrine Christmas Mass will require, for a short time, 3 rehearsals per week, but only in November and December.

Proposed Performances as of June 2018

Stone Ridge Christmas Concert at Stone Ridge, December 2018

Junior Chorus Concert & Trinity Chamber Orchestra Quartette Sunday, December 16, 2018

Christmas Eve Mass Basilica of the National Shrine, Monday, December 24, 2018
~ Our 30th Anniversary at the Basilica~

Trinity Chamber Orchestra Sunday, April 7, 2019

Spring Mass Sunday, May 5, 2019

36th Anniversary Celebration - Awards and Reception May 29, 2019

Updates will be communicated during the school year in the Thursday Page.

Sincerely,

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