

# Lineville Choir Parent Information

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## Course Description

Students will explore all genres of choral music with a focus on traditional, folk, world, and popular music while learning correct vocal technique, music literacy skills, and performance skills. Students will also learn how to work together as a team, what it means to be a part of group, and the importance of working together towards a common goal.

## Educational Philosophy

I believe that music is a part of every student and that every student has the ability to perform music. All students have the right to be a member of a performing ensemble and the ability to be a contributing member of a performing ensemble. My main focus is to expose students to a variety of music, instill a belief in each child that they have value and are a contributing member of the group, instill an appreciation for music, help each child to grow in their musical skills, and to provide each choir with a successful performing experiences that they can take pride in.

## Course Requirements

- Try your best
- Participate during rehearsals
- Participate in all Lineville Choir Concerts

## Concert Philosophy

Concerts and performances are a critical part of the learning experience in a performance based class. I encourage all parents and students to view concerts as a required part of the choral experience at Lineville. Concerts are an opportunity for your choir student to 'show off' and celebrate everything they have learned. Concerts also give parents, family, and the community a chance to see what amazing things today's youth are capable of.

From an educational perspective concerts also serve as a learning opportunity for students. It is their chance to apply everything that they have learned over the course of the quarter or semester. It is also the only opportunity they have to practice their performance skills. Additionally, concerts also serve as a formal assessment for the students. This experience is very difficult to replicate outside of a concert experience. Students who miss a concert, regardless of the reason for the absence, will be expected to complete a make-up activity.

## Concert Expectations

- Students are expected to attend concerts.
  - Exceptions to this expectation are...
    - Family Vacations
    - Family Emergencies
    - Illness
  - If a child is unable to attend a concert I need to have an email, note, or phone call from a parent along with a reason.
- Students will wear their Lineville Choir T-shirts to concerts

## Concert Dates

Below are the concert dates for the 2016-2017 school year. Please put these dates and times on your calendar. All concerts will take place at Bay Port in the PAC unless otherwise noted. Concerts will usually last about 30 minutes unless otherwise noted.

Winter Concert - Thurs, Jan 12	District Concert - Thurs, April 27	Spring Concert - Thurs, May 11
5th Grade Concert @ 5:45 students will arrive at 5:30  6th Grade Concert @ 7:15 students will arrive at 7:00	7:00 at Bay Port in the Field House  This concert involves all choirs grades 5-12  Students will have a very early arrival time, as we will need to rehearse our songs that night prior to the concert. The estimated student arrival time is 6:00  This concert will be 45-60 minutes	5th Grade Concert @ 5:45 students will arrive at 5:30  6th Grade Concert @ 7:15 students will arrive at 7:00

## Communication

I value open communication between parent, child, and teacher. Throughout the course of the year I will communicate with both parents and students through email, Schoology, Remind, newsletters, my website and Twitter. I encourage parents to contact me with any questions or concerns via phone or email.

Please bookmark my website (<http://linevillechoir.weebly.com/>). I strive to post up-to-date and relevant information. Everything a parent needs to know (and more) can be found on my website. I also ask that you please read any emails that I send out. I realize some of the emails may get long around concert time, but my goal is to provide each family with the information they need to successfully prepare and get their child to each concert. For some families this may be more information than they feel is necessary, but for other families all of the details are critical. It is not my intent to burden you with unnecessary information, but rather to make sure that each family feels as informed as possible.

## Remind

I encourage all choir families to sign up for Remind. I utilize this service around concert time to send out quick short reminders. Even if you signed up last year, you will need to re-sign up for this school year. Follow the links below to sign-up. You can also sign-up from my website or from your child's iPad using Schoology.

- 5th Grade Sign-up: Send the message @lv5gc to 81010
- 6th Grade Sign-up: Send the message @lv6gc to 81010

## Choir T-shirts

Each child is expected to purchase a choir t-shirt as it is our uniform for concerts. T-shirts will be available for order on the Lineville website. Children do not need to order a t-shirt if they already own one. We will be using the same design as previous years. If you need assistance with purchasing a t-shirt please contact me. I can assist with helping to secure a t-shirt for your child. All orders must be placed by September 30. Shirts cost \$5.00 (\$7.00 for XXL). Please note - shirts run small!