

# 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. Students will also have the opportunity to explore music through personalized learning units.

## 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 successful performing experiences that they can take pride in.

## Course Requirements

- Try your best
- Participate during rehearsals
- Participate in 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. Concerts will serve as a formal assessment of performance skills. 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. Students will be given all the time they need during class to complete the activity.

## Concert Expectations

- Students are encouraged to attend concerts.
- 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. Students may wear what they want with their choir shirts. I ask that you please avoid athletic pants, athletic shorts, joggers, sweatpants, etc. Jeans, tennis, khaki shorts, cargo shorts, jean shorts, dress shorts, leggings, skirts, dress pants are all great choices to wear to concerts.

## Concert Dates

Below are the concert dates for the 2017-2018 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 11

5th Grade Concert @ 5:45

\*Students arrive @ 5:30

6th Grade Concert @ 7:15

\*Students arrive @ 7:00

### District Concert - Thurs, April 12

7:00 @ Bay Port in the Gym

The concert will be 45-60 minutes

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.

### Spring Concert - Thurs, May 10

5th Grade Concert @ 5:45

\* Students arrive @ 5:30

6th Grade Concert @ 7:15

\*Students arrive @ 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 as the codes change each year. Follow the links below to sign-up.

- 5th Grade Sign-up: Send the message @5choir2017 to 81010
- 6th Grade Sign-up: Send the message @6choir2017 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 or have a choir shirt from a sibling. 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 28. Shirts cost \$5.00 (\$7.00 for XXL). Please note - shirts run small!