

VCMS CHORUS

Where words fail, music speaks

August 16, 2018

Congratulations! I would like to invite your child to be a part of the Vickery Creek Middle School Chamber Choir. This is an honor only extended to the best, most dedicated, and hardest working singers in the school.

The VCMS Chamber Choir was chartered by Mr. Kirk Grizzle (yes, my husband) in 2000 when he was the choral director here. He wanted to challenge the more talented singers on higher level music than they are able to work on in class. Since then, the VCMS Chamber Choir has been asked to perform at the Georgia Music Educator's Association National Convention in 2003 and 2009. They have won numerous competitions throughout Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Most recently, they performed Class C (3rd most difficult high school level) at Large Group Performance Evaluation and received Superior Ratings. They have also received invitations to perform at local schools and colleges.

With this tremendous honor comes tremendous responsibility. Chamber Choir rehearsals are every Monday until 5:30pm. During the 3rd nine weeks (after the Winter Break) rehearsals will be every Monday and Wednesday until 5:30pm.

Since the Chamber Choir is not sponsored by the state or by the public school system, we are not awarded a budget from the school. For that reason, there is a \$40 membership fee to cover music and other supplies. Checks can be made payable to VCMS Chorus or paid on the website via PayPal, and money is due by October 5th.

Students are expected to practice at home at least twice a week. They have a practice log that needs to be signed by a parent each time they practice. These logs will be checked at each rehearsal.

Because of the extremely high standards that this elite group strives to maintain, I have devised a demerit system that will help keep rehearsals productive and efficient. Demerits will be given for the following reasons: late to practice, chewing gum, not picking up personal trash, disrespectful to others, out of seat/area, excessive talking, poor attitude toward the group, cell phones visible during rehearsal, not having a signed practice log (2 demerits), and unexcused absences (3 demerits). After receiving 4 demerits, the member will be put on probation. Receiving 6 demerits will end membership in the Chamber Choir. There are many students willing and capable of contributing to this group. Therefore, membership in the Chamber Choir should be treated as an honor and students are expected to act accordingly.

Congratulations again . . . I think we're going to have a great year! Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Melissa Grizzle, choral director

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I accept the invitation for my child to be a member of the VCMS Chamber Choir for 2018 – 2019. I realize that practices are every Monday until 5:30pm and that it is my responsibility to have him or her picked up on time. I also know that there is a \$40 membership fee associated with this group that is due by October 5th. After receiving 6 demerits, I know that my child may be asked to leave the Chamber Choir for the remainder of the year.

Me & my student will sign up for the Remind101 class for Chamber Choir so that we don't miss important announcements or reminders! [notice there is NO letter 's']

TEXT @vcmchamber to 81010

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EMAIL vcmchamber@mail.remind.com

Student Name

Grade

Parent Signature

Date