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September, 2017

Dear Dent Families,

I am pleased to welcome your child into the Dent Chorus for 2017-2018! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you and your students, and I'm looking forward to making some great music this school year. As a Chorus member, your child is agreeing to the following commitments:

1. Chorus members will be prepared and arrive with the following materials:
 - A music folder with a pocket to hold your music, and a sharp pencil.
 - A positive attitude!
 - Concert attire: black pants (or black skirt that is **below** the knee while seated) and a nice (plain) white shirt.
2. Chorus members will attend and arrive ON TIME:
 - **ALL Chorus members are required to attend all rehearsals unless your absence is lawful/excused.**
 - **Students may not miss more than two chorus classes** in a marking period. Doing so could result in removal from the chorus program.
3. Chorus members will be responsible:
 - Students are expected **to make-up all work missed in the regular classroom** during chorus class.
 - Students who fall behind may not be allowed to continue as chorus members.
 - **Chorus is enjoyable, but it is not recess**, a ticket out of class, a vacation, or an excuse to do poorly in your other subjects.
4. Chorus members will perform in our concerts:
 - Students are expected to perform in all concerts. Being a chorus member is a lot of work and concerts give us the chance to showcase what we have learned. Everyone has an important part in the concert so we want everyone to be there! There is usually a daytime concert during the school day for the students and teachers, followed by an evening concert.
 - Evening concert drop off time is 6:00 pm and performance time is 6:30 pm.
 - **Our Winter concert this year is on 12/19/2017. Our Spring Concert is on 5/23/2018. Dates and times may change due to weather or other factors. Other optional performances may be announced later in the school year, such as our November Veterans Day program.**
 - The Chorus Director reserves the right to exclude students from a performance if they are not putting forth acceptable effort through practice, class attendance and class performances.
5. Chorus members will be respectful during rehearsal and throughout the school:
 - Follow all directions the first time given.
 - Treat everyone and everything with respect.
 - Arrive on time and quickly prepare for rehearsal.
 - When a teacher or student is addressing the class, there should be no talking or noise.
 - Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner when quietly walking directly to and from the rehearsal as well as during the rehearsal.
 - Any student who chooses not to follow the classroom responsibilities will receive a verbal warning, and then be asked to sit out if the behavior continues. A continually disruptive student will be sent back to class or referred to the ISIC.

Chorus is a privilege and a wonderfully fun way to enrich your education. Please come and sing with us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email or phone. You can contact me at

pmchristian@smcps.org.

Let's work together to make this the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Paul Christian

LMD&S Choral Director

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Please sign and return this form giving permission for your child to participate in Chorus for the 2017-2018 year. Please note that Chorus students are pulled out of their regular classroom 45 minutes per week to rehearse. **Due 9/22/2017.**

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Best Phone or Email Contact: _____