

Parents: Welcome to 42nd Season of Joyful Noise Choir (2020)!

Thank you for registering your child(ren) in the Joyful Noise Choir and welcome.

Can we help you Understand The Program? – We want new members and their parents to feel comfortable with the expectations. At the June Open House, experienced parent volunteers will be available to explain our program and answer your questions.

Choir Season starts with Open House June 7 and first rehearsal September 2nd. We normally complete the season at the beginning of January with one rehearsal, the final service participation and potluck at Trinity Christian Reformed Church.

Choir Should Be Fun – We have very few rules in choir but a very important one is “Leave others alone” as the children are close contact with one another when rehearsing or performing. If your child comes home and reports problems with the behavior of another child, I would like to be informed as soon as possible. I want kids to have fun and share great memories of the experience.

Learning Independence – There will be two occasions this season when the children will be away on overnight trips including Choir Camp (2 nights) and Choir Tour for grades 4-8 (1 night). Usually we do not have any issues with homesickness, but I recognize that, for some of the kids, it may be hard to be away from home.

* **Talk To Your Kids** and make sure they know how they can reach you if a problem arises. The leaders carry cell phones at all choir activities, and we post our numbers in the weekly Joyful Notes (e-mail).

* **Volunteer** to come to camp with your child – especially if it is their first time.

In all instances, the leaders should be informed so that we can be prepared. Please feel free to talk to Melanie (Assistant Director), Linda Rosendal or myself after the rehearsals if you have any concerns.

Choir Tour – We are examining options for going on tour this year - whether a one day return trip or a two day with an overnight stay depending on the Rehoboth's requirements. As planning for 2020 is still in process, look for more information in the “Joyful Notes” in June or August.

Uniforms -Children will be fitted for their blue Shirts and hoodies at the **Open House**, June 7. Parents are required to purchase pants. Further information will be available at Open House.

Girls & Hair –When we perform, hair needs to be pulled back from the face by hair bands or barrettes. This also keeps the children from playing with their hair while performing (a movement that the audience immediately catches).

Communication – Each week, I will send out a note via e-mail. This is the only method we will use to communicate with you. **If you do not check e-mail, you will need to make alternate arrangements to have information sent to you.**

Absences - When children are not able to attend a rehearsal or performance you or the child is obligated to inform me of their absence by e-mail or text by phone to 780-965-0698 (cell).

Team Work – While the staff will be working to ensure a great time for the kids, there is another level of commitment required from parents for choir to be successful. We will be counting on your willingness to contribute some time to events or tasks that cannot be managed by the children themselves. We invite you to indicate your interest in participating in tasks or events noted on the registration form. I will work with the Advisory Committee to ensure that we fairly distribute the work among the 40+ families supporting the choir. **Note:** Every family in the choir is also requested to come to at least one rehearsal to assist with security and provide juice for the refreshment break.

Rehearsal Security – Inglewood Christian Reformed Church has asked that we keep the front doors locked at all times. Two Parents are assigned to come to each rehearsal. New parents will be assigned a partner who has experience with attending rehearsals.

Registration Fees Are A Donation - The registration fees are \$160 per child to a maximum of \$320 and payable to Rehoboth. The budget for the coming season is approximately \$10,000 (including camp, uniforms, music, and accompaniment). Since the choir only raises funds for the work of Rehoboth, the cost of operation must be covered in registration fees. **At the same time, if the cost is too much, please pay what you can.** Our goal is to have the children participate without barriers. The Lord will provide what we need.

Receipts - Rehoboth will send out donation receipts for your registration fees in February of the following year.

Calendar – A calendar of the choir’s scheduled activities will be sent following registration.

“Members” online – The members section of the joyfulnoisechoir.ca site can be accessed by using “joyfulvoices”. This portion of the site will show the choir schedule (updated as information is received from churches) and some of the choir’s digital photo albums from the past. Our current albums are so large that we have not been able to upload them on the site.