**Washington Choir**

Dear parents of 4th and 5th grade students,

The Washington Choir will begin rehearsals on **Tuesday, September 15th at 2:30 PM**. Any interested student in 4th or 5th grade is eligible to participate. There are no auditions for choir.

**Attendance**

Because of the collaborative nature of performance groups, Washington choir members are expected to attend all choir rehearsals. Illness, medical appointments, and family vacations or emergencies are considered an excused absence. If a student has 2 or more unexcused absences he or she will be asked to drop choir. If a student is well enough to attend school, it is expected that he or she is well enough to attend choir.

**Rehearsals**

The Washington Choir will rehearse on **Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 PM** unless otherwise specified on the choir calendar. Please arrange for your child to be picked up promptly at 3:40 PM. Please, no phone calls during rehearsal time as this time is limited. Rehearsals may be rescheduled due to snow days or performance dates. If this is the case, your child will be notified at least 10 days in advance in choir and in music class. If school is cancelled, choir is also cancelled.

**Behavior**

Because choir is an extracurricular activity and therefore a privilege, choir members are expected to display the 7 Habits in their behavior. Students who do not show responsible leadership in this way will be dropped from the ensemble after 2 warnings.

**Performances**

The Washington Choir will have two major performances this year. Concert dates are as follows:

**Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 PM**

Both concerts will take place in the OHS auditorium, and **attendance at these concerts is mandatory.**

*I am greatly looking forward to making music with the fabulous members of the choir, and hope many 4th and 5th grade students will join us!*

Sincerely,

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