

Dear Parent(s),

Greetings from the Baucom Music Room! I am writing to inform you about a wonderful opportunity for your fourth- or fifth-grade child—to join the Music Box Singers, Baucom’s chorus. Before making this decision with your child, I would like to share some thoughts with you about the importance of chorus in the life of your child.

Why should your child consider singing in chorus? Here are ten great reasons:*

- Everyone has a voice.
- That voice comes free—no purchases necessary.
- That voice is portable—no special travel requirements.
- That voice is highly flexible—all music can be sung.
- Choral music has rhythms AND words. Reading, counting, comprehension, foreign languages, expression—it has it all.
- Choral music has messages and meaning. Choral music provides a powerful means of cultural and historical expression.
- Choral singing is a collaborative endeavor—people sing together.
- Choral singing can be taught in ways that work for all kinds of learners.
- Choral singing is a cost-effective form of arts education.
- Choral singing is a life-long activity.

Chorus is an enrichment class focusing on music through singing. Throughout the year, we will address developing vocal skills, increasing knowledge of the voice, and developing music literacy. In addition, we will address the choral ensemble by developing group cohesiveness, building choral skills, and fostering pride in participation. The results of our hard work will be showcased at several performances throughout the year.

Chorus will meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 8:15-9:00 for most of the year. Since this is a before school activity, you will need to provide morning transportation for your child on those days.

All students interested in chorus will be asked to audition. Auditions are conducted individually in a relaxed setting. Pitch matching, vocal range, and independent musicianship will be included in the audition. At minimum students are expected to match pitch to be able to join the group. No preparation is necessary. After all auditions have been completed, invitations for membership will be issued.

If your child is interested in this opportunity, please complete the form below, and **return the form to the music room by September 6, 2019.**

I am looking forward to a year of beautiful music!

Sincerely,

Michelle Seaboch

Music Teacher



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(Please detach and return to the Music Room by September 6.)

Student’s Name _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

My child is interested in auditioning for the Music Box Singers. He/she **now arrives** at school in the morning according to the following plan. **Please indicate specific days of the week if it applies.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Car at Normal Opening Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Route # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA Early Arrival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Van | <input type="checkbox"/> Walker | |

I understand that an audition does not guarantee membership.

Parent’s Signature _____ Home Telephone _____