



INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SCHOOL

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2014-15 School Year

Dear parents of IJP's Kingsmen Choir,

As we begin a new school year, we are excitedly looking forward to what our growing choral program will bring. Last year was such a blessing to our school, children and families. Their wonderful Christmas Pageant, the spring musical "Under the Sea", and our first spring choral concert. We also started something entirely new, the IJP Show Choir which was met with tremendous enthusiasm both inside our school and in the community. I am so thrilled to be a part of these musical opportunities for your children.

Planning ahead for a successful new choral year, we must determine how we can work together to make an even greater experience for our choir students. I have decided to make clear what my expectations are for the children at the start of this year so that there will be no confusion as you sign your child up to participate. Here are the rules for the 2014-15 School Year for the Kingsmen Choir and IJP Show Choir:

1. In order to participate, each child must read these rules and understand what is expected of them.
2. Signed permission slips, one for each student, must be returned to Mrs. Barnick by August 29th.
3. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:00 for choir. Rehearsals for Show Choir will be held for one half hour immediately following Kingsmen Choir on both days and will also meet during recess of lunch twice a week.
4. If a student wants to be in the Show Choir, they must also participate in the Kingsmen Choir.
5. Many students wishing to participate in the choral program are involved in other after school activities. Since choir meets twice per week, attendance is expected *at least* once per week. The choir needs consistent rehearsal in order to effectively learn, however, it is understood that each child cannot make every rehearsal but must at least do their best to attend as many as possible to be successful. A note from a parent (or email) must be sent to Mrs. Barnick for the absence to be excused. If a child has three unexcused absences, we will have a conversation about further participation.
6. Parents need to pick up their children on time after rehearsals are over. If you are more than ten minutes late, your child will be sent to extended day.
7. All choir members will be participating in A. Flossmoor Fest on Sept. 6th @ 11:30 (Meeting at school at 11) B. A field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry to sing at the "Christmas Around the World" Celebration on Dec. 12 C. The Christmas Pageant Play on December 16th (afternoon and evening performances) D. The Spring Musical on April 17 & 18th (the last production week of rehearsals are mandatory) E. First Communion on May 2nd F. The Spring Choral Concert on May 19 and Graduation on May 29th. Please put these dates on your calendar now so that everyone can participate.