



# INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SCHOOL

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2017-18 School Year

Dear parents of IJP's Kingsmen Choir,

Welcome to a new school year which promises to grow the Kingsmen Choir in their service to our school and their community. I am so proud of the choir's accomplishments and look forward to my fifth year of guiding the Performing Arts Department of IJP. Last year the 55 voice choir sang weekly for All School Mass and at 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, adding both First Communion and Confirmation Masses. They performed their Christmas concert at Marion Catholic H.S. and hopefully will return to the Museum of Science and Industry's *Christmas Around the World* this year. Both the Christmas Pageant and the Spring Musical *Lion King* were huge successes for all who participated. The IJP Show Choir also grew in their musical and performance experience. This school year promises to take the gifts of these talented students to an even higher level!

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 2017-18 School Year for the Kingsmen Choir and IJP Show Choir:

1. **Each parent and 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 Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> with the \$25.00 participation fee (checks made payable to Infant Jesus of Prague School).** This fee will help to offset the cost of music, accompanist and musical expenses.
3. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10 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 on Wednesdays. We gather in the music room and rehearse in the church.
4. If a student wishes to audition for the Show Choir, they must also participate in the Kingsmen Choir.
5. Many students wanting 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:cbarnick@ijpschool.org) 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 – no exceptions.**
7. **All choir members must participate in all performances to remain in the choral program. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW TO ASSURE THE CHOIR'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF PERFORMING!** (Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> page)

(please continue reading rules on back of this letter)