



Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School

Cecilian Singers



2019-2020 Information

Dear Parents,

I am excited to share with you a new musical opportunity for our students at SMG. We are beginning an after-school choir, the *Cecilian Singers*. This choir is open to all 3rd - 8th Grade students.

Please read through the provided information with your student. It is important that each student acknowledges their special role in our choir and agrees to the following commitments, goals, and expectations before joining.

Goals

- This choir will give us an increased opportunity for meaningful music participation and leadership in the liturgy.
 - This choir will enhance our full, conscious, and active participation during liturgical celebrations.
 - This choir will help us appreciate the theology inherent in sacred music.
 - This choir will enrich the quality of our lives and the lives of those for whom we sing.
 - This choir will help us to develop our presentation skills and our voices in a healthy and confident manner.
 - This choir will help us to understand the historical and theoretical nature of music, both as an academic subject and in practical application.
 - This choir will foster a cooperative learning environment and help us develop friendships based on shared musical experiences.
 - This choir will help us further our quest to seek out that which is true, good, and beautiful.
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Calendar

- Weekly Rehearsals, beginning November 11, 2019
 - Mondays, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- Special School and Church events
 - Specific Dates TBD

Cost

- We ask that each student consider donating \$10 to help cover performance costs. A FACTS Form will be provided at our 2nd meeting.
- Choir members will also need a Choir T-shirt. An order form will go home with students later this year.

Expectations

- **Rehearsal and Performance Attendance:** Students should make every effort be at **all** rehearsals and performances. Students should not join the *Cecilian Singers* if they have other groups, clubs, or teams that practice or play during our rehearsal time. We will rehearse from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Mondays. Students who are not picked up promptly will be sent to SMEED where the usual fee will be applied.
- **Classroom Grades:** Choir is an extra-curricular activity, thus it is a school expectation that choir members will keep up with their school work to their teacher's satisfaction.
- **Behavior:** It is expected that students in the *Cecilian Singers* behave well at all times—on stage or in rehearsal. If a student has difficulty meeting this expectation, she or he may be dismissed from choir for the remainder of the semester or school year.
- **Commitment:** As with any extra-curricular activity, choir members are expected to commit for the duration of the season - in this case the entire school year.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year and hope that you join us!

Blessings,

Mrs. Richards

Objectives

As a choir member, I agree to the following objectives as part of participation:

1. I will help to create a safe environment where each person is treated with respect and dignity, and each person's worth is valued and honored.
2. I will participate willingly and actively in the learning process, contributing my part to the success of the whole group.
3. I will not talk disruptively during rehearsals nor make inappropriate remarks at any time.
4. I will work to improve my knowledge of music and my skills of sight singing and vocal production.
5. I will attend all rehearsals and performances (unless excused), and understand that my attendance is important to our choir team!

I have read the goals and objectives and will strive to fulfill these statements through hard work, self-discipline and a positive attitude!

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Information:

Parent E-Mail: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Secondary Contact Name/Relationship to Student: _____

Secondary Contact Phone Number: _____

Please return to Mrs. Richards

