



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The Irwin Academic Center (IAC) Chorus will begin on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. We will meet before the school day from 7:30-8:45 AM, every **TUESDAY**, excluding holidays/teacher workdays. We will have at least two performances at the winter and spring concerts, with more possible. Any 3rd, 4th or 5th grade students who are interested must return the signed permission slip by **FRIDAY, September 8, 2017**. No permission forms will be accepted after **September 8, 2017** at the close of the instructional day. After the slips are received, students will then be scheduled for a **VOCAL INTERVIEW** to be conducted during the school day to determine acceptance.

Because of safety and supervision concerns, only up to 40 STUDENTS will be accepted into the chorus...

If you finished the year in chorus last year, you are automatically in this year!!!

To qualify for the Chorus: Return the signed permission slip by **FRIDAY, September 8, 2017** then go through the Vocal Interview and wait to hear from Mr. Cameron on acceptance! A letter will be given to the 40 students, on Friday September 15th, with a parent information form to be completed by **Tuesday, September 19, 2017**.

*****ALL STUDENTS, newly accepted and returning will pay a \$40 CHORUS FEE to participate. Pay with online (fee) method or cash. Online Payment information will be given in the parent letter after acceptance.**

BEHAVIOR POLICY: Chorus is a voluntary activity; behavior problems will not be tolerated. If there are any conflicts between students, one or both of the students will be asked not to participate. If a child receives a behavior referral in school or on the bus, he/she will also be asked not to participate. **Students who are unable to control their behavior in other classes will not be allowed to participate.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Students are allowed to miss 3 rehearsals unexcused. (Being sick is not considered unexcused, with a note) After 3 rehearsals are missed, the student will no longer be in chorus. **Students must be on time... 2 late arrivals equal an unexcused absence.** Please communicate with Mr. Cameron. It is understood that there are always extenuating circumstances.

Cut on the line and return the signed portion. Please keep the top portion as a reminder...

My child, _____ is allowed to participate in a Vocal Interview in hopes of being in the IAC Chorus. If accepted, I understand that my child needs to follow the Behavior and Attendance Policies in order to continue to participate in chorus.

STUDENT'S TEACHER: _____

GRADE: _____

PARENT PRINTED NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT EMAIL _____

Vocal Interview Criteria:

Students interviewing for chorus should be prepared to sing “America” (“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”).

Lyrics for “America the Beautiful”:

*My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing*

*Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride.
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.*

A YouTube video to help practice:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnH_OIgNgSY

Please practice only the first verse...

Students will also sing other short exercises given by Mr. Cameron to determine vocal proficiency.

Each student will have an assigned morning time from 8:45-9:15 AM on one of the following dates; September 12, 13, or 14, 2017.

Students will be notified by Friday, September 15, 2017 of their acceptance into our Chorus.

