

BOYS GIRLS AND CHAMBER CHOIRS 2013-2014

We are so excited about this year's before school ensembles - Boys, Girls and Chamber Choirs! We ask our students to commit to Boys and Girls Choir one concert at a time. So, if a student begins singing rehearsals for a concert, they are expected to attend all rehearsals in preparation for that concert and perform at that concert. They may drop out after that concert and join again later. Our Chamber Choir is our only auditioned singing group and are expected to make a commitment for the year. In order to participate in Chamber Choir this year, each student must commit to also participate in either Boys or Girls Choir.

We have already calendared several events for these groups that will allow us to enjoy and participate in choral events in our community in a big way this year! We are also allowing these students to "piggy back" on our large group events (except for the Disney trip).

Thursday, September 26th – National Anthem at Braves Game (with 8th grade) *If 6th or 7th graders sing at this event, they are asked to make a commitment to sing ALL THREE concerts this year.**

Wednesday, Dec 5th – Performance at the Georgia Aquarium – During the School Day * must sing Fall *and* Winter concert with us.

TBA Weekend Evening in January or February –National Anthem at Atlanta Hawk's game ** must sing Fall or Winter concert

TBA Spring Game – National Anthem at the Minor League Braves game

Fri, May 10 – 7th Grade Lock-In *You must sing ALL THREE concerts with Boys or Girls Choir**

TBA – Two "Dinner and a Concert" evenings (at no charge to you.) * Must sing Fall or Winter for first trip and Spring concert for the second trip.

Other trips will most likely be added to grade level choirs.

As you can see this is going to be an awesome year for these well deserving students. We know that being in these groups at 8:00am takes a bit more effort because it is early and coordinating a ride can sometimes become a hassle. We want you to know that we will do all we can to get you networked with other families to make the transportation part of the equation manageable. We know that being in these groups at 8:00am takes a bit more effort by coordinating rides and realizing that getting up earlier is not all that bad!

ABSENCE POLICY: With us offering these kinds of opportunities for your student, we are in turn asking for a commitment from you the student and from you as the parent! **Our requirement for active participation in Boys and Girls Choir will allow 2 excused absences per month. Chamber Chorus members will be allowed one absence per month from Chamber Chorus rehearsals. Note: If a student is absent from school and the absence is excused by the school, the absence in Boys/Girls/Chamber will not count towards their allowed number.**

