**Dear Chorus Members and Parents!!**

 Welcome to CHORUS!! I cannot tell you how glad I am that you have chosen chorus as one of your extracurricular activities! Chorus is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TEAM ACTIVITY where every “player” gets to “play,” and every person is just as important as the next. Singing is a life skill that brings much joy to others and to God! We will lift our voices all year in praise to Him and for one another! You will LOVE being on a team that learns to sing well together, works hard together, AND has FUN together!! This will be a great year for singing!

**5th grade chorus** will meet on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from **2:30-3:00**. Parents will pick up students in regular carpool around 3:10. The uniform for this year is EASY! All you have to purchase is a **Purple** Uniform shirt with khaki pants for boys or with a uniform skirt/skort for girls. (Obviously, they can wear these to school as well.) However, MTVA will expect the students to wear a white shirt and black pants or skirt on Jan 28 and Feb 20.

**6th Grade Chorus** will meet every other day at 11:30-12:15. These 6th grade students should wear a **BLACK** parker uniform polo with their khakis long pants or plaid skirts/skorts for performances. However, MTVA will expect the students to wear a white shirt and black pants or skirt at the festivals Jan 28 and Feb 20.

**7th & 8th Grade Chorus** Girls are to wear a long, black uniform dress. This is purchased through the school or from a previous chorus member. These are the same exact dresses the HS girls wear in chorus, so this dress can be your dress in HS as well! 7th & 8th Grade boys are to wear a white button down shirt (this can be an LA uniform shirt), black pants, and a black tie. The black tie can be purchased through the school.

STUDENTS, please read and sign the ***Commitment* *Contract*** attached and return by August 25th**.** Also, notice the performance dates on the attached calendar and go ahead and write them on your home calendars and cell phones. Attendance at each performance is VERY important, so plan to attend well in advance.

Parents are also a very important part of a successful choral program! Parents, please read and sign the Parent Permission Slip form and return it with your child.

**Thank you for your children! They bless me every day!**

**Please contact me whenever there is a need!**

Elizabeth Harrell

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**School Phone: 966-6367**

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**Thank you for joining the LAMS Chorus TEAM,**

Where you can be sure NO ONE sits on any bench!

#### Parent Permission Form

I am aware that my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has joined chorus and will be expected to attend all specified rehearsals, performances, and choral festivals. If a family emergency or illness conflicts with a performance, I will notify Miss Harrell as soon as possible by phone, email or text. In grades 6-8, I understand that performance attendance will affect my child’s grade.

Parent or Guardian’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am interested in becoming a “Chorus Mom or Dad,” (which is equivalent to a room mother or father.)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am interested in chaperoning festivals or performances.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am interested in sending food or snacks to parties, festivals, etc…

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I can help move risers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I would like to help with my child’s MS Play.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I would love to be the chorus photographer.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I can drive a bus!

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I have another idea! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Workplace\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*I will do everything I can to communicate, but sometimes it will be important to get the information from your child. ASK questions often! ☺ Please commit to pray for the Choruses!

***Commitment Contract:***

I PROMISE TO…….

**C**ommit to being present at all rehearsals and performances unless I am ill or have notified Miss Harrell about a previous family commitment.

**H**onor my director in everything she directs, suggests, or requests.

**O**rganize and respectfully take care of and keep up with all my music.

**R**espect my fellow chorus members in every way, saying only encouraging words that build up and never tear down.

**U**nify the chorus by understanding that we are a team, and by praying regularly for my fellow chorus members and my director.

**S**ING out to the very best of my ability, because I know I am an important part of this TEAM!!!

I promise all these things to the very best of my ability!

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Student’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student’s Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Uniform and Fee Information:**

**Student’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(7/8th Girls $70.00, 7/8th Boys $12.00 for a black tie)

**7/8th Girl’s Dresses Sizing Chart:**

### Sizes: 0 2 4 6 8

 Chest 30 31 32 33 34

 Waist 26 27 28 29 30

 10 12 14 16 18

 Chest 35.5 37 38.5 40.5 42.5

 Waist 31.5 33 34.5 36.5 38.5

Please Order Me This Dress Size\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Larger sizes are available if need be, just let me know.

**5th or 6th Grade Chorus Fee:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$5.00 Fee to audition for MTVA Honors Chorus (This is Optional!)

 (\*\*Bring your own pencils and any color three tab folder to chorus!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid (cash or made to DLMS)

**7th & 8th Grade Chorus Fees:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $5.00 Fee to Audition for MTVA Honors Chorus (This is Optional!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$12.00 for boys black tie (Purchase your own black pants and

 white shirt)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$70.00 for girl’s entire chorus uniform

 (\*\*Bring your own pencils and a durable PLASTIC folder to chorus. NO 3-RING BINDER, PLEASE!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Total Paid (cash or made to LAMS) by Sept. 5.

\*\*7th & 8th grade Boys will need black shoes and black socks.

\*\*7th & 8th grade Girls will need black undergarments, and flat black close toed shoes.

\*\*5th & 6th grade Boys can wear brown or black shoes and socks.

\*\*5th & 6th grade Girls can wear black flat close-toed shoes, and black leggings.

Additional fees throughout the year will include food, gasoline for bus, or money for special trips and activities. These fees will be paid separately for each event.