

Dear Parents,

We will be starting the Singing Jags Chorus soon this year! Chorus is open to 3rd-5th grade, but there is a limited number of students I can accept into the program, so if your student is interested, please make sure to fill out the chorus form as soon as possible. Rehearsals will be on **Tuesdays from 2:45pm-3:45pm.** The first rehearsal will be on **October 17th.** Participation in all rehearsals/performances is required to participate in choir. If there is a reason a rehearsal must be missed, this needs to be communicated with me via email. If your student is in safety patrol, they CAN participate in choir. They will just join us at rehearsal after their duties are finished.

Students will be released from choir at 3:45pm. Parents must be ready to pick up their student at that time. If your student will be walking/biking home, I need a signed letter from a parent. If your student will be riding home with a friend, or getting picked up from another person, you must provide a signed letter as well. If change of transportation occurs last minute, please contact me via email ASAP. There will be an online form to sign up for choir- please make sure you fill this out to sign your student up!

There will be a district-wide honor's chorus this year on February **24th, 2024**, at St. Augustine High School. This is great opportunity for music lovers to connect and gain experience working in a larger ensemble! I am allowed to take 5 students max from JCE. There will be an option on the online form if your student is interested. More information will be released as soon as possible. Students who demonstrate active participation during music class and rehearsal, as well as Jaguar pride behavior will be considered to attend this event.

Musically,



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Expectations

- 1) Attend all rehearsals.

Consequences: Students with **3 unexcused absences** will be dismissed from chorus. I will notify the parent after the 2nd unexcused absence. (Ex: Forgetting to attend).

Excused vs unexcused absence: This is up to the discretion of the teacher, but typically an unexcused absence is one that is not communicate or one that is not for a valid reason. I understand life happens, you could only get a doctor's appointment on a specific day, etc. I do not want that to limit students from participating, but absences need to be communicated and excused before missing rehearsal (unless due to an emergency).

- 2) Attend all performances.

Consequences: Students who miss a performance without a parent letter/email will be dismissed from chorus pending parent discussion.

It's important that everyone is at each performance! We need every voice!!

- 3) Speak & act in a respectful manner. (Jaguar pride behavior!)

Consequences:

First time: Warning

Second time: Student will have to sit out; parents will be notified via letter that must be signed and returned.

Third time: Dismissal from chorus.

- 4) No gum/food during choir rehearsal.: I understand students may want a snack before rehearsal, but please have your student eat in the **10** minutes before rehearsal starts. Singing while eating/chewing gum can be a choking hazard!

Performance Schedule

*These are the performances scheduled as of now. Schedule is subject to change.

Kinder Winter Concert

December 11th, 2023 @6:30pm

- Opening for the Kindergarten concert.
- @ JCE

Icemen Game

March 2nd, 2024, @TBD

- Singing for the opening of the Icemen game.
- @Icemen stadium in Jacksonville