

KGS 6th Grade Choir

Welcome to 6th Grade Choir! We are going to have a fun-filled year playing with music. Here you will find a basic run-down of who we are, what you will learn and what will be required of you.

Choir Concerts:

First things first – as 6th Graders, you will participate in TWO choir concerts this year.

- 1. Christmas Concert – December 1, 2011 at 7:00p.m.**
- 2. Spring Concert – May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

By signing below you are indicating that you have secured these dates on your family calendar.

The uniform for the concerts is as follows:

CHOIR UNIFORMS

Music students will wear the exact, prescribed uniform for all performances. Jewelry and other ornamentation must not be worn, with the exception of small earrings for girls. Uniforms must be clean and ironed. “Solid black” means that, from a few feet away, one can only see the color black, without any other distracting details (exterior pockets, brand badges, large stitching or embroidery, “swoosh stripes” etc.).

Please always hang up your uniform when you are not wearing it. Keep it clean and wrinkle-free so it’s sharp and ready to go for our concerts.

6th Grade Choir Uniform

Boys

- Solid black dress pants with a plain black belt.
- Solid black socks and shoes
- Plain white dress shirt or polo shirt

Girls

- Black skirt of appropriate length
- Black tights or hose with dress shoes
- Plain white dress shirt or polo shirt

Along with singing basics, 6th Grade Choir will include the following music fundamentals.

- **Music Theory Basics**
- **Guitar (all of 3rd quarter)**
- **Hand chimes (beginning steps to handbells)**

Music Department FUNd-Raisers

Along with the Concerts there are a few Music Booster fund-raising activities that alleviate the need for a music fee to be a part of our department. They are:

1. Square Dance on October 29, 2011
2. Bella Sera di Musica on April 20, 2012

Your student's and family's participation are greatly appreciated!

Of Special Note

6th Grade choir will meet 3 days a week working on the above stated goals. BAND students will go to band on Tuesdays and Fridays for special 6th grade band time with Mrs. Trill. The remaining students will be in study hall on those days.

Grading Policies 2011-2012

6th Grade Grading Policy:

Keswick 6th grade Choir students will be graded in three major areas:

- A. Rehearsal Participation
- B. Concert Attendance
- C. Worksheets/Quizzes/Projects

Your performance in each of these areas will determine each quarter's grade. The percentage scale is based on 100%; the letter grade breakdown is consistent with Keswick's grading policy.

- A. Rehearsal Participation: (50%) Each student's rehearsal participation will be evaluated weekly on a five point scale based on the following:
 - Attitude
 - Concentration
 - Respect for classmates
 - Talking only when permissible
 - Materials
- B. Concert Attendance: (30%) Our concert performances are our opportunity to lead our families in worship and to demonstrate all that we have been learning in choir. Choir is a performance art and therefore the performances listed on the calendar play a major part in your final grade. An unexcused absence from a choir performance will result in a grade of 60% (F).
- C. Worksheets/Quizzes/Projects: (20%) There will be occasional worksheets, quizzes, and projects. These will be used to encourage growth and to assess students' progress. With hard work and concentration in class, students will have no trouble succeeding in this area.



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COMMITMENT CONTRACT 2011 - 2012

PLEASE PRINT, SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR(S) (copy as necessary) BY MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011.

For the Student:

"I want choir to be fun. I will make every effort to have a good attitude and to be open to learning new things about music each day. I know our hard work is displayed in the two concerts at Christmas and in the spring. I understand I am an important piece of the puzzle. I will be at those concerts."

Student name (please print)

Student signature

For the Parent(s):

"I have put the two concert dates and the Music events on our family calendar. I understand these are important nights for my student and I will have them there in concert uniform for the concerts. I understand that my encouragement and commitment to my child's music education are a crucial part of my son/ daughter's success. In the event there is an emergency, I will communicate as early as possible with my child's music director(s)"

Parent signature