

Dear Cecilia Valley Chorus Families,

I am so excited to get started with rehearsals this year. This is my first year at Cecilia Valley and my 21st year as a music teacher. I have some big things planned for us to do. Below is important information for you to know. **Please return the last page of this packet to Mrs. Day by Friday, August 21st.** Please list the names and phone numbers of only those people, who have your permission to pick up your child, including yourself, on that form. Please include yourself on that list.

REHEARSALS

We will have after school rehearsals every Tuesday during the school year, unless told differently. If they are not a part of these programs, they will need to be picked up promptly at 3:45 from the front lobby. You will need to come to the door and we will dismiss the child to you. I will have a list of adults who are allowed to pick up your child with me so that your child is picked up by the correct person.

We will rehearse every Tuesday. I expect that your child will be in attendance, actively participating with appropriate behavior, for each rehearsal, as we have 2-3 performance opportunities for the Singers this fall. We need all of the rehearsal time that we can get. I understand that illness and absence will inevitably occur from time to time. Illness, family emergencies, being in other school clubs, etc. are valid and excused absences. Not coming to rehearsal just because your child doesn't want to attend one day is not a valid excuse. If a child has more than 3 unexcused absences during this semester or if they have more than a total of 5 absences, (school clubs excluded, as I plan to have the student split time with the club that may meet on the same day as chorus), or if the behavior continues to be not acceptable after appropriate warnings, the student will not be allowed to continue to be a part of the chorus.

SUPPLIES/MUSIC

Every choir member needs to bring a **1 inch black 3 ring binder** and a mechanical pencil to mark their music on the first day of choir. In chorus and especially in our honor choruses, there could be sacred choral literature in their repertoire. This is not to promote any particular religion, but are a part of the Kentucky approved music list for adjudication. Students will also want to bring a healthy snack (please no chips or candy, but Goldfish crackers, granola bars, etc.) and water with them to enjoy prior to rehearsal beginning. I understand that the students will be ready for a snack after a hard day of learning and this will help them "pep up" a little before we start singing.

EVENTS/PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

As a part of the chorus, we will have several opportunities to perform. We could be singing for the school Veteran's Day program, for the Christmas program, and other school or community functions, as well as several auditioned events for grades 4 and 5, such as the KY American Choral Director's Association All State Chorus (Grade 5) in November in Richmond, the KY Music Educators Association All State Children's Chorus (Grade 5) and Modern Band (Grades 4 & 5), and the 4th District Chorus (Grades 4 & 5) that will be held in Bardstown, Kentucky in March. We may also be invited to sing for a HCS Board meeting or other school related events. Students in our chorus could be photographed or videotaped, so a release form must be completed for your student to participate.

UNIFORM

For most of our performances, the chorus members will need to wear a pair of black dress pants (not leggings) and our chorus t-shirt, that will be designed soon. The price should be no more than \$15, and it should be even less than that, depending on the vendor. If your student is invited to participate in the All State Choruses, they will be given a specific dress code to follow. For 4th District Chorus, they will wear blue jeans and a chorus t-shirt that will be purchased with your registration fee at that time. Please do not let the financial piece be a reason that your child doesn't get to participate. We will be doing some activities to raise funds throughout the year.

As time draws closer for events to come up, I will send out more information about what to wear for performances, fundraising, etc. I will also communicate through school appropriate communication. Thanks again for allowing your student to be a part of this brand new chorus. It is going to be a great year.

Yours In Music Education,

Kim Day
Cecilia Valley Elementary School Music Specialist and Chorus Director

Please sign & return this page to Mrs. Day no later than Friday, August 21st, T-shirt orders/money will be purchased as soon as the vendor tells me the cost.

Student's name

Teacher/Grade

Parent/Guardian Information of the student who will be responsible for communication:

Parent/Guardian 1 Name:

Phone number:

Parent/Guardian 2 Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Email address:

Student Height in Inches (Please measure. This is for riser placement.) _____ inches

Student T-shirt size: Children S ____ M ____ L ____ Adult S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____

Any food allergies?

I give the following 4 people (include yourself and any other parent/guardian) permission to pick up my singer:

Name

Phone

Name

Phone

Name

Phone

Name

Phone

Any known allergies:

Parent/Guardian: I give my child. _____, permission to attend rehearsals for Chorus. I understand the expectations that are set out for my child. I agree to pick up my child promptly at 3:45 on rehearsal days. I also understand that my signature releases my student to be photographed or videotaped for the activities pertaining to chorus.

Signature of the person responsible for the singer

Chorus member: I understand the expectations that are set out for me to be a member of the Bullpup Singers Chorus. I will be in attendance and follow our PAWS expectations for school during rehearsal time and if I am chosen to represent our school in an honor chorus. If I choose not to follow these expectations, I understand that I will no longer be allowed to participate.

Chorus Member's Signature