



Parent and Singer Handbook 2026-2027

Tonka District Children's Choir Mission Statement:

The Tonka District Children's Choirs serves children who love to sing in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade from each of the six elementary schools, MME and MMW. Membership in the choir fosters musicality through performance and bridges friendships across the district. There is a place for everyone in the choir!

Tonka District Children's Choir Ensembles:

Select Choir: Includes fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls and boys from each of the six elementary schools, MME and MMW. This is an auditioned group with a higher level of performance and rehearsal expectations. This group will cater to the dedicated and experienced young singer.

Core Choir: Includes fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls from each of the six elementary schools, MME and MMW. Singers in this choir will develop singing and performing skills using choral music and individual instruction. The goals will be improved technique and a musically satisfying concert while creating a space where all voices are celebrated

Third Grade Choirs: Includes third grade boys and girls from each of the six elementary schools in the Minnetonka School District.

Staff Contact Information:

Select Choir Director: Melanie McIvor

Clear Springs Elementary

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Core Choir Director: Seth Boyd

Minnetonka Middle School East

Seth.boyd@minnetonkaschools.org

Rehearsal Times and Spaces:

Core Choir: Wednesdays at 4:30-6:00 PM at Clear Springs Elementary School Music Room #46

Select Choir: Wednesdays at 4:30-6:00 PM at Clear Springs Elementary School Music Rm MD

Choir Registration Fee: \$75.00

Concert Dates:

Wednesday, February 3 – Winter Concert at the Arts Center (High School) 7:30PM

Wednesday, May 12 – Spring Concert at the Arts Center (High School) 7:30PM

National Anthem Performances:

Twins Baseball – Date to be determined

Profession Sports Team - Date to be determined (Select Choir Event only)

*These activities will have an extra fee for ticket purchases on top of the registration fee.
These performances are optional.

Parties:

Wednesday, December 16th– Winter Party and Rehearsal, 4:30-6:30 PM

Winter party ideas include singing karaoke, watching a musical and playing games like “Name that Tune.”

Wednesday, February 10th – Concert Viewing, 4:30-6:00 PM

We will take time to reflect and celebrate our accomplishments by watching our concert.

Wednesday, May 19th - **Spring Party** at Tuttle’s Bowling

Rehearsal Dates:

*We will have rehearsal every Wednesday when school is in session. If school is canceled due to inclement weather, we will also cancel rehearsal.

Wednesday, September 23 - First Rehearsal and Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 30 – Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7 -Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 14 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 21 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 28 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 4 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 11 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 18-Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 25 - No Rehearsal - No school

Wednesday, December 2 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 9 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 16 – Winter Party, extended rehearsal from 4:30-6:30pm

Winter Break – No rehearsals

Wednesday, January 6- Rehearsals Resume

Wednesday, January 13 -Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 20 – Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 27- Extended Rehearsal 4:30-6:30

Wednesday, February 3 - Winter Concert 7:30PM for Core/Select at the Art's Center

Wednesday, February 10 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 17 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 24 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 3 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 10 - Optional Rehearsal - No School

Wednesday, March 17 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 24 - Rehearsal

Spring Break – No Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 7 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 14 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 21 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 28 - Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 5 -Extended Rehearsal for Concert from 4:30-6:30PM

Wednesday, May 12 - Spring Concert at 7:30PM for Select and Core at the Art Center Minnetonka HS

Wednesday, May 19 End of year Choir Party

Concert Dress:

Formal Concert Attire: (Worn at Winter and Spring Concerts)

Boys: Black slacks, black socks, black dress shoes, and white button-down shirt.

Girls: Black skirt/slacks, black nylons or tights, black dress shoes, button down or dressy white blouse.

Informal Concert Attire

Boys and Girls: Tonka District Children's Choir T-Shirt and black pants. No jeans, sweat pants, or wind pants.

Attendance Policy:

In case of illness or other unavoidable conflict, please notify your child's director through email. If a singer misses three rehearsals during a semester, they will need to schedule a make-up time with the director. If a singer misses more than three during a semester, they will be asked not to attend the next concert or performance. Every rehearsal is important! When your singer misses one rehearsal, it slows down the progress of the entire choir, which affects the quality and quantity of the music that we can learn.

If a singer needs to leave early, please provide a written letter or an email for safety purposes.

Parent Volunteers:

There will be a few times during the year that we will need parent help. We will need volunteers to help with our parties and parent donations for food items. Notifications of volunteer opportunities will be sent out through email.

Communications:

Emails: Communications from the Directors will arrive through email. We will create an email distribution list to send out direct messages and news. We will always use the blind copy option to keep information private. Please make sure to read every email.

Schoology:

The directors will use a group schoology page to communicate with singers for sharing rehearsal and practice tracks. Please join the Tonka District Children's Choir group. Our group number is:

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