

Northbrook 28 Children's Choir Handbook

2025/2026 School Year

The mission of the NB28CC is to help children experience the joy of choral singing in a positive, musically nurturing environment. Choir members will learn fundamental techniques of breath control, articulation, tone production, tongue placement, and enunciation. Additionally, solfege, sight-singing, reading musical notation, musical interpretation, concentration, and concert protocol will be emphasized. The methods of teaching will be tailored to fit the children's level of maturity, physical development, and intellectual potential.

CHOIR DESCRIPTIONS

NB28CC Singers 1st-2nd grade

NB28CC Something More 4th-5th Grade

NB28CC Glêo 3rd-5th Grade

NB28CC Laetus 3rd-5th Grade

REHEARSALS

NB28CC Singers MONDAY 3:30-4:30

NB28CC Something More TUESDAY 3:30-5:00

NB28CC Glêo WEDNESDAY 3:30-4:30

NB28CC Laetus THURSDAY 3:30-4:30

CONCERTS

NOVEMBER 10, 7:00 PM, SOMETHING MORE and GLÊO

NOVEMBER 11, 6:00 PM, SINGERS and 7:00 PM LAETUS

MARCH 2, 7:00 PM SOMETHING MORE and LAETUS

MARCH 3, 6:00 PM SINGERS and 7:00 PM GLÊO

MAY 11, 6:00 PM SINGERS and SOMETHING MORE

MAY 12, 7:00 GLÊO and LAETUS

All concerts take place in the Greenbriar School Auditorium

FEE

There is a \$25 participation fee for all choir ensembles. This fee is in place to cover the cost of the sheet music. Each child will learn at least 12 songs throughout the year, and the cost per child is \$2-3 per copy of sheet music. The fee is waived for families that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Contact Mr. Bartunek for more information.

COMMITMENT

Choir members who have not attended at least 50% of weekly rehearsals will not be allowed to participate in concert experiences.

COMMUNICATION

Because students will be coming from all three D28 schools, Mr. Bartunek will be using e-mail communication with parents on a regular basis. This will be the easiest and quickest way to get important information out to parents and choir members.

SACRED MUSIC

Sacred music has been historically important in the Western canon for over 2,000 years. It would be educationally and musically irresponsible to exclude sacred music from an extracurricular choir. Therefore, it is important for parents to realize that there may be times when music with sacred themes will be learned and performed. This music will not be taught as a worshipful experience, and students will be taught the historical significance of sacred vocal music and its place in society.

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Because this choir is going to be performing in public on a regular basis the attendance participation is more strict than the other ensembles.

- 1. Attendance at weekly rehearsals, until 5:00PM, is mandatory. Exceptions can and will be made for sporadic events, but the expectation is that participation in NB28CC *SOMETHING MORE* is the primary commitment and takes precedence over other activities. For example, if baseball practice starts at 5:00 PM I will expect students to stay at choir until 5:00 PM and be late to baseball practice. However, if there is one game that starts early, then I understand that a student may need to leave choir early for one day.**
- 2. Students are expected to be at every rehearsal unless they are ill, or if there is a family emergency.**
- 3. Many of our monthly performances will occur on Saturday mornings.**
- 4. We will need to learn a lot of material in a short period of time. Because of that, my expectation is that students will be on their BEST behavior at all times. Goofing off, distracting others, roughhousing, non-participation, negative attitudes during rehearsal, and non-compliance will result in a parental notification and behavior correction will be expected.**
- 5. There WILL be conflicting dates between NB28CC *Something More* and KidStage or Northbrook Park District Theater programs. Participation in KidStage, Northbrook Park District Theater, or any other theater program**

should not take precedence over NB28CC *Something More* rehearsals or performances, even if it is Tech Week. Choir members should plan on staying at rehearsal until 5:00 PM and arriving late to any other theater commitment. Choir members should attend all concerts throughout the year.

6. NB28CC *Something More* members have matching polo shirts for our community concerts. All students in *Something More* will be expected to wear their shirt for our community concerts. Polo shirts will be available through the Music Parents Club and will cost \$30.00.

Additional performance dates for NB28CC *Something More* are:

Sunday, November 16, 1PM-7PM - Chicago Wolves Game @Allstate Arena

Friday, November 21, 5:30 PM - Village Green Illuminate Northbrook

Saturday, December 6, TBA - SUNSET Foods AND Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville

Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 PM - NBJH

March 14, TBA - Shared concert with another Children's Choir

April 11, TBA Crestwood Village AND Brookdale Northbrook

Friday, May 8, 7:00 PM - Celebration Concert @GB

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 PM - NBJH