

Saint Catherine Labouré



Chorus Handbook 2022-2023

Choral Director: Darling Bonetbelche

Student's Name: _____

Date _____

Dear Parents and Students,

I am delighted and honored to be the Choral Director at Saint Catherine Labouré School. I look forward to getting to know you and your child better. Whether your child has never sung before or he or she sings all the time, we will aim to create an environment that will help all feel comfortable to experiment with their voice and be expressive in their singing.

As we begin the new school year, this handbook will assist you and your child in various areas. It is intended to provide you with important information regarding the organization and expectations of the SCLS Choral Program. Please refer back to it during the school year for clarification and review. Each Chorus member has the responsibility of becoming familiar with the policies stated in this handbook, as well as following them throughout the year. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: dbonetbelche@sclhbg.org.

In Chorus, students will participate in a variety of vocal & musical techniques for music ministry at our school Mass. We will strive to develop our musical skills and our voice, as well as studying and appreciating many styles of music.

Performing in a choral ensemble provides students with so much beyond a musical training. Students learn cooperation and teamwork, commitment and responsibility, as well as perseverance and self-discipline. Students who participate in a choir are shown to perform better in their studies, especially in math. They also exhibit improved confidence and self-esteem. But most importantly, because we are a Catholic school, choir members have an additional outlet to express their Christian faith. I value your involvement and support of our program at Saint Catherine Labouré School. I encourage you to help your child become involved in music in some way, whether it is listening to music together, taking private lessons, or attending local concerts.

I am excited to begin this school year, looking forward to what it may bring. In order to achieve our fullest potential, we all need to be on the same page. After both you and your child have become familiar with the policies and expectations included in this handbook, **please sign and return the Chorus Contract (last page) to me by September 2, 2022.**

Sincerely,
Darling Bonetbelche

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Classroom Rules, Responsibilities, and Rewards

1. You are responsible for supplying the required materials: a sharpened pencil. A choral folder with music will be provided for each student. In order to be prepared for Chorus each day, you will need both of these items.
2. Participate 100% in all classroom activities, including singing.
3. If rehearsal is canceled for any reason, students will be notified and should resume their normal activity at that time.
4. Students must not hold private conversations during Mass.
5. Follow all the required postures of the Mass (kneeling, sitting, standing, bowing etc.). In these matters, the members of the choir should be an example to the worshipping community.
6. Show up on time! All students should be seated in their assigned section with their appropriate supplies.
7. Students must allow others to get their fair share by taking turns in a lead role.
8. Students must attend at least two of the three rehearsals per week.
9. There is no food, drinks, or gum allowed in the chorus room.
10. Refrain from putting on lotion, perfume, or makeup in the chorus room.
11. Be responsible for your belongings and also of those entrusted to you. Choral folders and music are loaned to students, and if lost, the student has the financial responsibility of replacing them. Choral folders and music may be taken home only after permission from the Choral Director is given and the folder is signed out in the class binder.
12. Refrain from touching the piano, keyboard, telephone, and classroom computer, unless you have permission from the Choral Director. Also do not enter the Music Office without permission.
13. The teacher, not the bell, dismisses the class.
14. Show respect for others, for your school, and for your teacher.
15. Remain positive and always do your best in every activity you perform.

Each student is expected to follow the above classroom rules. If consistent positive attitude and behavior is displayed, students may receive:

1. Verbal and Nonverbal Praise
2. Positive phone call or e-mail

Rules for choir are the same as in music class & have been reviewed with the students. The consequences of not following the rules will be -

1. First Warning
2. 2nd Warning, sent back to class
3. Third Warning, miss 1 rehearsal and liturgy or performance
4. Removal for the remainder of the school year

Mass Attire

Each student has the responsibility of using the proper school uniform, or they will not be able to sing at Mass. Students should take pride in their appearance as a student at St. Catherine Labouré School. They should be neat and well-groomed and in the proper school uniform worn properly at all times. Belts are to be worn, shirts and blouses tucked in, girls' skirts/dresses at a proper length, and shoes tied. Our attire demonstrates pride, caring, unity, and spirit here at SCLS.

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I am committed to being a positive and responsible member of the Saint Catherine Labouré School Chorus. I understand that I must follow the guidelines presented in this handbook.

By signing this paper, I acknowledge that:

- I have received and read the Chorus Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year.
- I will strive to be a positive contribution to the Chorus, by being responsible, cooperative, respectful, prepared, and encouraging.
- I will show respect to others, their property, and their opinions.
- I will show respect to my Choral Director in each choral rehearsal.
- I will strive to do my best by singing and listening appropriately.
- I am aware of the concert attendance policy.
- I understand that my choral folder and music is loaned to me, and I am responsible for the replacement cost if damaged or lost.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

I have read the Chorus Handbook, and I understand and agree to all the rules, responsibilities, and supplies for my child's participation in Chorus. I am committed to helping my child be a positive and responsible member of the Chorus.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE