

**Sullivan
Elementary
Chorus
2018-2019
Handbook**

Welcome to Sullivan Chorus!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and our choir program at Anne Sullivan Elementary School. My name is Karen Luehr and I am the Music Teacher and Sullivan Chorus Director here at Sullivan and Ross Elementary Schools. I received my Bachelor of Music Education and my Masters of Teaching Degrees at North Park University. This is my first year in D23, and my 17th years of teaching General Music and Chorus!

Being in Sullivan Chorus is a great opportunity for your student to learn how to sing correctly, strengthen their music literacy, perform, gain self confidence, and learn responsibility and leadership skills. These skills are all excellent for students in the 4th and 5th grades!

Throughout this packet you will find information about concert dates, rehearsal attendance, and what your student will be learning this year. Once you have read through the entire packet with your student, tear off and fill out the information on the last page of this packet. Please make sure both you and your student sign it! Please return the form to Mrs. Luehr by Wednesday September 5th, 2018.

Once again, I am very excited to be able to bring this program to your student. I look forward to a very musical and rewarding year with the chorus!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Luehr
Sullivan and Ross General Music Teacher Sullivan Chorus Director
kluehr@d23.org

Sullivan Chorus Important Information

What will my student be learning this year in Sullivan Chorus?

- Your student will be learning proper singing skills, musical literacy, musicianship skills, performance skills, leadership skills, and responsibility. All of these skills are valuable tools that will go far beyond chorus!

General Information

- Choir will take place on Wednesdays from 2:30pm-3:30pm

Rehearsal Calendar:

First Rehearsal ---Wednesday September 12th

(no rehearsal Wednesday 9/19)

Wednesday September 26th

Wednesday October 3rd

Wednesday October 10th

Wednesday October 17th

Wednesday October 24th

(no rehearsal Wednesday 10/31)

Wednesday November 7th

Wednesday November 14th

(no rehearsal Wednesday 11/21)

Wednesday November 28th

Wednesday December 5th

Winter Concert Date

Monday December 10th--7:00 PM, MacArthur Middle School Gym Concert

Rehearsal Attendance

- Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30pm in the Sullivan Music Room (105) unless otherwise noted. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory unless discussed BEFORE rehearsal with Mrs. Luehr. No more than THREE unexcused absences will be accepted. Excused absences include illness, absence from school, a death in the family, or a family emergency. All excused absences must have a written note from the parents turned into Mrs. Luehr. More than three unexcused absences will constitute grounds for removal from Sullivan Chorus. Because of non-attendance days and meetings, we have a very limited amount of time to prepare for our concert. Please do your best to make sure your singer is at each rehearsal!!

Concert Attendance

- Concert attendance is mandatory unless illness, death in the family, family emergency, or the student has previously discussed the conflict with Mrs.Luehr
- For any of the excuses, I must have a written note from the parent.
- These concerts display the students' hard work that they have put into choir throughout the semester. Please come out and show your support!!

Concert Attire

Concert attire will be as follows:

1. Black pants or skirt
2. Black shoes and socks
3. Choir T-Shirt

Rehearsal Procedures

- On rehearsal days, students will come straight to the music room, place their backpacks against the music wall in the hallway, then go to their assigned choir spots. Students must be in their spots and ready by 2:30!

Pick-Up Procedures

- Students must be picked up in the car rider area (map below) at 3:30. Parents must stay in line and pull up, four cars at a time, as directed by Mrs. Luehr. If students have not been picked up by 3:35, phone calls will be made home. If this occurs more than twice, students may be removed from choir. Thank you for your cooperation.

T-Shirts

- Choir T-Shirts will be \$6.00 and will be worn for each performance and other events this year. T-shirts are the same as ones purchased in previous years, so if students already have one they do not need to purchase a new one. Payment may be made by cash or a check may be written to Anne Sullivan School. If assistance is needed in paying for T-Shirts, please contact Mrs. Luehr.

FORM

- Please make sure you AND your student have read the entire handbook, then sign the form on the following page.

HANDBOOK FORM

PLEASE SIGN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO MRS. LUEHR BY WEDNESDAY SEPT. 5TH, ALONG WITH \$6.00 CHECK OR CASH FOR T-SHIRT IF NEEDED.

_____ My student and I have read the 2018-2018 Sullivan Elementary Chorus Handbook. We know what is expected and will follow the rules and guidelines of being in the Chorus Program.

_____ Student Name

_____ Parent/Guardian Name

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle):

YOUTH: S M L XL ADULT: S M L XL

_____ Student Signature

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS