



Carson Chorale Spring Semester 2010

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the 8th grade Carson Chorale for the 2nd semester. The Carson Chorale provides vocally talented students an opportunity to pursue the study and performance of diverse choral literature in more depth than the curricular day permits. Individual skill development, part stability, tone quality, balance, blend, and perfection within a group are the focus of the ensemble. Throughout the year, the students of the ensemble will develop a high level of musicianship that will prepare them for further musical study.

Membership Information and Requirements

Participation during the first semester does not guarantee membership for the second semester. *You may be removed from the ensemble at any time at the discretion of the director for violating this contract. All members must be able to commit to the following five items in addition to the general membership requirements.*

1. Member of the Carson Chorus, Band, or Orchestra
2. Signed participation contract
3. Dedication to the pursuit of the highest level of choral singing
4. Able to attend 7:10am rehearsals on Tuesday mornings and possible Thursday mornings.
5. Commitment to attend the in-school and evening concerts in addition to added performances throughout the school year.

General Membership Requirements

1. Responsible, exemplary citizenship at Carson is expected
2. A high level of academic achievement is expected
3. A lapse in either #1 or #2 (examples include a single detention or D in any subject) may result in removal from the ensemble. This can be carried out at the discretion of the director and/or administration. If a member is struggling with either of these, please contact me. I am willing to assist in any way possible to maintain the eligibility of a singer.

Rehearsals

1. Tuesday mornings 7:10-8:00am (Some additional Thursday mornings may be required depending upon the performance schedule of the ensemble). We begin singing at 7:15am. Please arrive at 7:10am to prepare. Transportation will not be provided by the district. **OUR FIRST REHEARSAL IS JANUARY 5th at 7:15am**
2. Location: Carson Middle School, room 162 (Mrs. Leckey's room)
3. Music and a pencil must be brought to each rehearsal, not coming prepared will count as half of an unexcused absence
4. Two tardies equal an absence. Upon receiving 2 unexcused absences the singers membership will be reviewed and may result in removal from the ensemble. An unexcused absence results when a singer misses the rehearsal but attends school that day.

Attire

- 1. Boys – Black bottoms, black colored shirt, and black shoes
- 2. Girls – Black dress with natural color stockings and black dress shoes. The dress must have a cap sleeve or longer. Tank top dresses will not be permitted during performances.

Performances

Performances this year will include the winter concert, spring concert, field trips, and any other performance opportunities that we will be given throughout the year. We are always seeking new and exciting opportunities to perform. If you have any ideas, please share them with me for consideration. Last year’s Carson Chorale performed at the Opening Day ceremonies, CMS sporting events, Middle School Association Conference, and the talent show.

Performance requirements as of January 1, 2010

- 1. **NA School Board Meeting – January 20, 2010 6:00pm**
- 2. Rehearsal – May 12, 2010 3:00-4:30pm
- 3. Spring Concert – May 13, 2010
- 4. Others as they arise

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Anne Leckey, Director

Please return this form by January 12, 2010. Students who have not returned the signed contract will be unable to participate in Carson Chorale for the Spring Semester. Cut along the line and keep the previous pages for your records.

I, _____ will be dedicated to attend all rehearsals, practice my music at home, and attend all of the ensemble’s performances. I am aware that I may be removed from the ensemble following two unexcused absences or any other violation of this contract.

(student signature)

(date)

I have read the contract and discussed it with my child. I understand that my child may be removed from the ensemble following two unexcused absences or any other violation of this contract.

(parent signature)

(date)

