

Our exciting choir program is open to all students in grades 3-8 with each grade level having its own choir. Choirs will focus on vocal & musical techniques for music ministry at school liturgies as well as stage performance. Choir members serve their school, parish, and community with their talents.

Choir is a full year elective with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who may opt out after Christmas. Students may, however, be dropped from choir at the request of the director, classroom teacher, or a parent.

Choir rehearsals generally take place during the school day. If after-school rehearsals are needed, you will be informed. Rehearsals are once a week for 45 minutes. Any class work that is missed due to choir is to be made up at the classroom teacher's discretion.

It is understood that academics come before choir. All choir members who do not maintain a "C" average in each academic subject will only be admitted to choir with the approval of the classroom teacher. This will be determined from mid-term progress reports, report card grades, or other reports by the classroom teacher. Students who are otherwise in good standing may be re-admitted to choir when grades improve.

St. Paul's is blessed with over 100 students who will participate in choir this year. With so many members, discipline is a MUST. Rules for choir are the same as in music class & have been reviewed with the students. The consequences of misbehavior, however, are a bit stricter:

- 1st Warning
- 2nd Sent back to class--miss 1 rehearsal and liturgy or performance---return to choir is probationary
- 3rd Removal for the remainder of the school year
- Behavior problems during liturgies or performances are considered a 2nd offense.

Participation in choir will enable students to become knowledgeable singers and musicians for a lifetime, as well as becoming a more disciplined, focused, and well-rounded individual, with excellence as our goal. Singers will develop skills that can help them grow in all areas of their life. But most importantly, because we are a Catholic school, choir members have an additional outlet to express their Christian faith

Choir at St. Paul's is a fun activity that provides singers with wonderful, memorable experiences & lots of opportunity for a future star to shine as a member of a special group & as an individual. Choir exhibits our St. Paul's Strength in the Arts. Choir offers an opportunity for singers to "Be a blessing" in our St. Paul's family & for that we say, "Bravo!"

