

Parent Letter - Choir Class – Mrs. Angela Kee – 411W

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A Special Elective class is an integral part of a child's education. Studies have shown that participation in team and group related activities, such as choral or group singing, help children learn responsibility, cooperation, self-discipline, leadership, respect, and other core values. This class is certain to have a positive effect on his/her life!

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the many performance opportunities throughout the school year, including participation in on-campus and community performances as listed below:

Annual Harvest Fest

Community Service Tour (area nursing homes and shelters)

DAAS Holiday Program

MLK Day Program

Black History Month Concert

Michigan Charter School Arts Competition (5th grade and up)

Annual Spring Concert

Graduation Ceremony

Occasionally, our school choir receives performance requests for special events in and around the metro-Detroit area. These *non*-mandatory performances are open to students who are "stage-ready". Meaning, he or she has mastered all aspects of the performance requirements:

- Memorization of lyrics, melody, and assigned soprano, alto, or tenor parts.
- Choreography (all steps and blocking have been well-rehearsed)
- Overall stage presence (**p**repared, **p**oised, and **p**leasant expression).
- Proper uniform for off-campus performances: (**Girls**: skirts and white tights are mandatory. **Boys**: navy *beltd* pants. All students wear white oxford-style shirts, navy blazers w/DAAS emblem, plaid ties, and black shoes. Please *do not* wear "ballet-style" slipper shoes, sheer stockings, or round-collar shirts.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. Students are expected to participate in the following graded-performances: *Harvest Fest, Holiday Program, MLK Day Program, Black History Program, Annual Spring Concert, and Graduation Ceremony.*
2. Be performance-ready: neatly groomed, well-rehearsed and in full DAAS choir uniform: **see above.**
3. Participate fully in all classroom activities. This includes auditions, note taking, vocal exercises, group singing, and completion of written work (worksheets, quizzes, and tests).
4. Follow Classroom Procedures (as posted in classroom).

CLASSROOM RULES and PROCEDURES

1. Please enter and sit in your assigned seat upon entering the room. Remain seated until further instructions are given. Please do not leave your seat without permission.
2. **ABSOLUTELY NO** chewing gum, eating or drinking in the classroom. Food or beverages are not allowed in class until after-school rehearsal begins.
3. Avoid all disruptive behavior during class (talking, playing, completing outside homework assignments, etc.) Stay focused!
4. Respect ALL classroom items and *do not* damage or deface school property - this includes the keyboard/piano, percussion instruments, electronic equipment, chairs, and other furniture.

Welcome to what I am certain will be another successful year for the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences Choir!

I look forward to speaking with all of you soon and working together to ensure a meaningful, fun, and positive choir experience for the students this year. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Musically yours,

Ms. Kee

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