

# **Sullivan Elementary Chorus**



## **2017-2018 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 Crystalyn Boyer and I am the Music Teacher and Sullivan Chorus Director here at Sullivan and Ross Elementary Schools. I received my Bachelor of Music/Music Education from University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and my Master of Music from DePaul University. This is my second year in D23, and I am so excited to be working with your students!

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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Boyer by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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,

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# **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 from September 20<sup>th</sup> – December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Winter Concert Date**

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, MacArthur Middle School Gym

## **Concert Attendance**

**Concert attendance is mandatory unless illness, death in the family, family emergency, or the student has previously discussed the conflict with Mrs. Boyer.**

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 Attendance**

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 in the Sullivan Music Room (105) unless otherwise noted. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory unless discussed BEFORE rehearsal with Mrs. Boyer. 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. Boyer. 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!!

Rehearsals:

September 20: First rehearsal!!

September 27: Rehearsal

October 4: Rehearsal

October 11: Rehearsal

October 18: Rehearsal

October 25: Rehearsal

November 1: Rehearsal

November 8: Rehearsal

November 15: Rehearsal

November 29: Rehearsal

December 6: Rehearsal

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 12: Dress Rehearsal and Choir Concert**

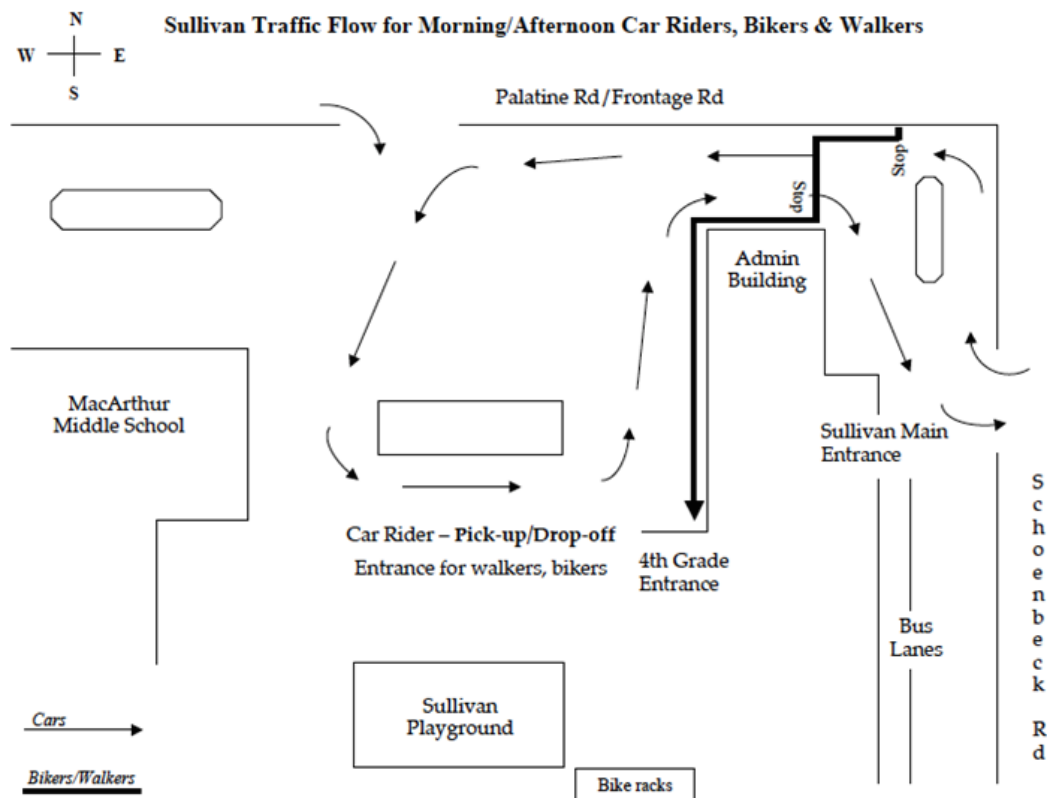
**\* The dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 12 will take place from 2:30-4:00 in the MacArthur Middle School Gym. PICKUP WILL BE AT MACARTHUR ON THIS DATE. The concert will take place that evening, May 24, at 7:00 PM at MacArthur Middle School. Students need to be at MacArthur by 6:30 PM for warm-ups. The concert will be combined with Sullivan Band.**

## 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. Once students are in their assigned spot, they should take out their music and do the following: look over pitches, rhythms, words, dynamics, and start memorizing. 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. Boyer. 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.



**Traffic Flow Map**

# 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 the fall, 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. Boyer.

# 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. BOYER BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, ALONG WITH \$6.00 CHECK OR CASH FOR T-SHIRT IF NEEDED.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ My student and I have read the 2017-2018 Sullivan Elementary Chorus Handbook. We know what is expected and will follow the rules and guidelines of being in the Chorus Program.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle):

YOUTH: S    M    L    XL

ADULT: S    M    L    XL