

Welcome to the Rampello Elementary Chorus!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your student has shown interest in participating in a Rampello Chorus. Please read the information below and return the sign up form attached if you would like your student to participate.

Chorus is open to all students in grades 2-5. There is no audition to join the chorus! Chorus rehearsals will begin **Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00AM**. Please read, sign, and return the attached commitment form by August 16th. Do not return with the first day of school packet as the music teachers will not receive it!

Who May Join Chorus?

Chorus is open to any student in grades 2-5! You may join the chorus, even if you are in another ensemble in the school. We highly recommend doing chorus if you are interested in participating in show choir or musical theater. Chorus participants will learn healthy singing techniques and proper vowel and consonant placement for singing.

Rehearsals

Chorus rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from August until the beginning of May. *Chorus members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances unless they have an excused absence (illness, etc.)* By joining chorus your child makes a yearly commitment to remain in chorus and to attend rehearsals and concerts. After two unexcused absences, your child will be dismissed from the chorus. Examples of excused absences are illnesses with absence from school or death in the family. Examples of unexcused absences are birthday parties, lack of transportation, sleeping in, or minor illness with attendance at school that day.

Behavior

Please remind your child that he/she needs to bring a love for singing and excellent behavior to all chorus rehearsals and concerts. All members of the Rampello Chorus Program will be ambassadors representing our school in the community. As such, we expect their behavior to be exceptional during and after school. Failure to meet these expectations will result in dismissal from the chorus. Bi-Weekly behavior/grade check-ins will be done with all teachers, if there are any behavior/grade concerns in classes, students will be placed on probation. If the behavior continues or unsatisfactory behavior grade appears on the student's report card, they will be dismissed from the ensemble.

Concerts

We will perform at least two concerts this year (December Dazzle and Spring Fling). We will also try to schedule other performances throughout the year. Students are expected to be at all performances. This includes our annual Trail of Trees field trip in December. More information about performances will be available soon.

Costs

Students in all music ensembles will be expected to purchase the shirt for their ensemble. The cost will be under \$20. These shirts will be worn at all performances,

unless there is a special circumstance, and can also be worn on spirit days at Rampello. Shirts can be ordered with the attached form or at Rampellomusic.com

Attire

The following attire is required for performance uniform:

Black pants or skirt

Black closed-toed shoes (no sneakers or high heels)

Ensemble T-Shirt (each group will have one).

Communication

I will communicate primarily using the Band App. **All parents are expected to join the Band Group for their child's ensemble. Please use the QR code below to join!** If a rehearsal is canceled at the last minute for any reason (Music teacher is ill, etc), a band post will go out by 6:30 that morning.

Fees

There are no fees to join the chorus. We will participate in the upcoming music booster fundraiser and will be asking for help voluntarily. This will help pay for sheet music and equipment! Joining the music boosters is also a great way to keep this a no fee class. The boosters purchase all the music the students use.

Transportation

All students will need a ride to school on Wednesdays to arrive by 7:00 AM. The front gate will open at 6:55AM so that kids may come in, get settled, and sign in. **Please do not drop kids off before 6:55AM or leave your student without a teacher present!** Rehearsal begins at 7:00. Punctuality is expected, and part of being a good musician. Students who arrive after the gate closes must sign in to the front office.

Students needing breakfast will go to the cafe at 7:40 and then to class. **Students are expected to be in class on time.**

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of making music with your student!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Waggoner and Ms. Lathers

Parent and Student Rampello Chorus Contract

Please initial the statements below, then sign and return the portion of the contract.

- _____ I attest that my child maintains excellent conduct during school as well as outside of the school day. I understand that my child may be removed from a music ensemble if his/her behavior is less than exemplary either during the school day, at rehearsals, or during performances.

- _____ If my child is placed in an ensemble, I will provide **timely** transportation for all rehearsals and performances. I understand that students who arrive late or who are picked up late may be removed from their ensemble.

- _____ I understand that attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals and performances, and that extended and/or extra rehearsals may be necessary in the weeks just before a concert. The Chorus will rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:40, beginning August 21st, and continue weekly until after the Sping Fling Concert in late April. Please make arrangements to have your child dropped off at the music room between 6:55 and 7:00am on rehearsal days. *Missing rehearsals can be a reason for dismissal from the ensemble.*

- _____ In order to conserve limited resources, and if my child is placed in an ensemble, I am willing to receive rehearsal/concert information, sometimes on a weekly basis, through electronic means including but not limited to: Band App messages, Canvas, and newsletters/updates through e-mail.

- _____ Students are expected to supply their own performance uniform. Students out of uniform will not be allowed to perform.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS-----Please Sign and Return this Page no later than August 16th

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email: _____

Rampello Chorus Performance T-Shirt Order Form

Please complete the form below to order your chorus performance t-shirt. Shirts are **\$10.00** each and will be available for pickup in the music room during the Parent Teacher conference night on **September 19th**.

Parent/Guardian Information:

- Name: _____
- Email: _____
- Phone: _____

Student Information:

- Name: _____
- Grade: _____
- Homeroom Teacher: _____

T-Shirt Order:

Size (please circle one): **Child S | Child M | Child L | Adult S | Adult M | Adult L | Adult XL**

Quantity: _____ x \$10.00 each = **Total: \$_____**

Payment Method:

Online at Rampello Music Department Website - Receipt Number: _____

Check payable to "Rampello Music Boosters"

Please make checks out to **Rampello Music Boosters** and include your student's name in the memo section.

Signature: _____

Thank you for supporting the Rampello music program!