

CHORUS INFORMATION 2022 – 2023

Fort Daniel Elementary Chorus is back for the 2022 – 2023 school year! Read on for more information:

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Chorus is open to any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade students. The target for the size of the chorus is 50. The 4th and 5th graders get the first opportunity, and if there is space remaining, 3rd graders are let in via lottery. The students who have the most success in chorus show the following characteristics:

1. They love singing!
2. They can match pitch.
3. They arrive on time to rehearsals, work hard, and display excellent behavior.

DUES: Membership dues will be \$30 per student. We use the money to purchase our handsome chorus polo shirts, as well as music arrangements and accompaniment. Parents are encouraged to pay their dues via MyPaymentsPlus by September 29th. I am placing the shirt order in the first week of October, so that is why they must be in by that time. Students may still participate even if their family cannot pay their dues. Please contact Dr. C if dues are an issue.

REHEARSALS: Rehearsals will begin at 7:00AM, every Thursday, starting on September 15th, 2022. I may schedule a handful of afternoon rehearsals when concert time draws near IF NEEDED. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory, and students must attend 90% of rehearsals to maintain membership.

PERFORMANCES: Chorus will perform at least two concerts this year, exact dates to be announced. One will occur in December before Winter Break. The other is to be announced. We may have more if opportunities present themselves. I am looking into a performance with the Georgia Swarm, or Gwinnett Gladiators, or Gwinnett Stripers, to see if our chorus could sing the national anthem before a game. Participation in the performances is mandatory, except if it is an off-campus performance.

OUR MUSIC: At Fort Daniel, we have an amazing and diverse student body. The music we will sing reflects this. We sing music from all over the world, from different countries and cultures. We may also sing music from different religious traditions from around America and the world. I approach teaching this material from a strictly musical perspective, and do not endorse any specific cultural or religious views. If you have questions or concerns about any of our songs, please reach out. I put a lot of thought into the music we sing and am always happy to talk about it!

A NOTE ABOUT COVID: I have been given guidelines by the county for indoor rehearsals that we will be following. Masks are recommended, but not mandatory. Rehearsals are also not to exceed fifty minutes. Please contact me if you have further questions or concerns regarding this issue.

If interested, please complete the google survey below by Labor Day, September 5, 2022. There is also a paper copy attached to this letter students may turn in directly to me.

<https://forms.gle/uTLBatDcS8o7AfzcA>

Best,
Dr. Castillo
Daniel.Castillo@gcpsk12.org

Fort Daniel Elementary Chorus **Interest Form**



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YES, MY CHILD MAY PARTICIPATE IN CHORUS THIS YEAR!

CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE LEVEL _____ **TEACHER** _____

PARENT NAME _____

PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT PHONE _____

CHILD SHIRT SIZE (Youth S, M, L, or XL) _____

I have read the information sheet provided by Dr. C and know what is expected of my student to participate in chorus. By signing below, I agree to the requirements, and understand my student might be removed from chorus if they are not meeting the expectations.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____